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IPI wishes to expand operations

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REPORTER

» **Targets villas
to be finished
in early 2018**

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC plans to “expand operations” in the CNMI by focusing on the construction of its restaurant, villas, and even a second floor gaming room.

“We have shifted our focus to the villas so that we can expand our operations,” one of the IPI representatives told the

Commonwealth Casino Commission yesterday.

The representatives also indicated that they were having trouble with manpower, and that they were only limited to about 500 construction workers.

Despite this, the representatives disclosed that their target date to finish the hotel's 15 villas is the end of January 2018,

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Doctors: Sen. John McCain has brain tumor

By DONNA CASSATA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Arizona Sen. John McCain, the 2008 Republican presidential nominee with a well-known maver-

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McCain

ick streak that often vexes his GOP colleagues, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor, his office said in a statement Wednesday.

The 80-year-old lawmaker has glioblastoma, an aggressive cancer, according to doctors at the Mayo Clinic in

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Team CNMI poses for a photo at the National Speech and Debate Association. The team participated in the annual weeklong annual tilt, which was hosted in Birmingham, Alabama this year.
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Team CNMI shines at NSDA tourney

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STUDENT REPORTER

Twenty-nine students and eleven coaches returned

from the National Speech and Debate Tournament in Birmingham, Alabama in June, bringing with them trophies and awards earned

from the competition.

Over 5,000 students from state districts traveled to Birmingham to compete in the weeklong tournament from

June 19 to 23. Over 30 states and six countries took part at the national level.

When asked about his first national tournament, Nathaniel Snodgrass said, “The trip was a whole new experience

that taught me the value of teamwork, friendship, and the passion so many have for speech and debate. I only hope that more kids here in the CNMI get involved in the

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Yuuki Nishida poses with his Four-Year National Qualifier Award.
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DCCA aims to reclaim sailing culture

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs will soon start its Canoe and Navigation program as a means to rekindle the long-lost art of traditional sailing.

According to Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter, the tradition of canoe making, wayfinding, and ocean navigation has been completely forgotten by the Chamorro culture and DCCA hopes that this new program will re-ignite that aspect of the culture.

Hunter said the program, which will officially start on Aug. 1, 2017, will showcase authentic Chamorro and Carolinian canoes that are made exactly how it used to be made, using resources provided by the island.

Mau Pailug, or one of

the last original master wayfinders in the world, left his legacy on the island of Saipan. According to Hunter, Pailug's son Tony Pailug, will be a permanent part of the program. Tony Pailug is considered a second-generation master wayfinder.

Hunter said the program will only be accepting dedicated individuals.

The program will also be the gateway to showcase the island in many traditional sailing competitions around the world.

According to Hunter, the goal is to build a 50-foot Chamorro canoe that will be sailed to New Zealand for the competition in 2020. The program will be open to everyone once the trial period is over.

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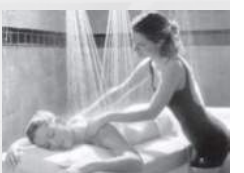


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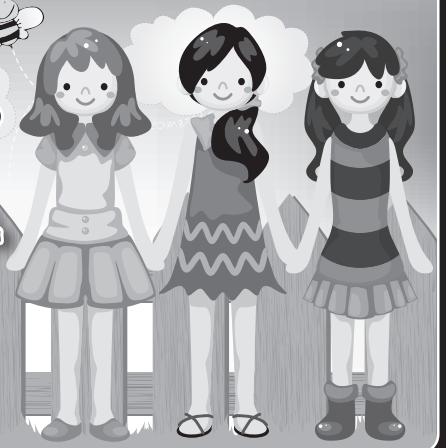
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PARTIES SETTLE LAWSUIT OVER TRANSFER OF GOVT FUNDS

Court dismisses DelRosario's suit vs Larson

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Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore Timothy H. Bellas dismissed yesterday the lawsuit filed by former Department of Public Lands secretary John DelRosario against Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson after both parties agreed to settle the case.

DelRosario and Larson reached a final settlement deal before Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore F. Philip Carbulido of the Supreme Court of

Guam last June 29.

Del Rosario, who sued Larson over the transfer of \$400,000 in government funds for the operations of cargo ship M/V *Luta*, cannot reopen the lawsuit in the future because Bellas dismissed the case with prejudice.

DelRosario was represented in the case by Jennifer Dockter. Assistant attorney general Charles E. Brasington represented Larson.

In a joint statement yesterday, DelRosario and Larson disclosed that, in exchange for

the dismissal of the suit, the Commonwealth agreed that it is now clearly established that the Rota Legislative Delegation Resolution 19-3 was not a proper source of authority for the transfer of public funds under the circumstances.

The Commonwealth also agreed that Finance shall adopt standard procedures to ensure that an incident like this never happens again.

The SOP shall provide that the release of public funds must be authorized by law and that every request for payment

must state the public or local law that purports to authorize the payment.

The SOP shall state in bold and all caps that "RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY EITHER THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATIONS ARE NOT LAW AND CANNOT AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FROM THE TREASURY."

The SOP shall provide that the Finance secretary will designate staff to review the law

to confirm whether it authorizes the request for payment.

Any questions concerning ambiguity shall be referred to the Office of the Attorney General.

A payment request that has been referred to the OAG may not be processed unless the review for legal sufficiency has been completed by the OAG.

In exchange for dismissal of the lawsuit, the Commonwealth agreed to commit to the effective enforcement of the Commonwealth Ethics Act, which empowers the average citizen to hold government officials to account for violations of Commonwealth law.

The Commonwealth will pay DelRosario's attorney's fees and costs.

DelRosario filed the taxpayer's lawsuit in May 2016 against Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog and Larson over the alleged adoption of a Rota Legislative Delegation Resolution 19-3 that purportedly authorized the payment of \$400,000 to *Luta Mermaid LLC*, a private company owned by Hocog's relatives.

DelRosario sued Hocog and Larson.

Last December, Bellas dismissed DelRosario's claims against Hocog, saying his conduct is covered by legislative immunity.



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Kagman Community Center expansion done

The expansion of the Kagman Community Center will officially be open to the public in a week and will showcase state-of-the-art sporting equipment and a variety of activities.

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs will first open the facility beside the center in order to maximize the use of the grounds and to accommodate more individuals while

the center itself is undergoing renovations.

According to DCCA Secretary Robert Hunter, the Kagman Community Center is one of the most occupied on island. It accommodates children, teens, and adults. It is also a place where children and youth under the Division of Youth Services come to enjoy themselves and meet with friends.

The center can only accom-

modate 50 people at most. The department decided to renovate and possibly expand it, starting first with the sporting facility outside and then with the additional renovations to the interior.

According to Hunter, DCCA was granted over \$300,000 through the Community Development Block Grant for this project.

Aside from the sporting facility, the department also

plans to add an auditorium, computers, and more.

According to Hunter, the purpose of the renovations is not only to accommodate more people, but also to create a place for everyone to get to-

gether and enjoy the company of one another through different activities.

He estimates that the center will be completely done by January next year. **(Kimberly A. Bautista)**

ERRATUM

In a story in yesterday's issue of *Saipan Tribune*, it erroneously identified the land use plan contractor as "SSFM International Inc." Its proper name is "SSFM CNMI, LLC." Our apologies for the error.



Jonathan Wolf and Vladimir Radge Palma pose with fellow NJSDA quarter and semi-finalists at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Center.

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TEAM

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monthly competitions."

For the middle school division, majority of the team advanced to the next rounds. Vivien Liu made it to the quarterfinal round of Dramatic Interpretation. Vinson Bacani and Elaine Fernandez advanced to the quarterfinal round of Storytelling, and Tioni Reyes advanced to the quarterfinal round of Poetry Reading. James Park made it to the semifinal round in Poetry.

Vladimir Radge Palma advanced to the final round and was ranked fifth in the nation for Dramatic Interpretation. Palma enjoyed his first time at the nationals. "Competing with the best of the best and knowing that you made it with them felt so good," Palma told *Saipan Tribune*.

Jonathan Wolf advanced to the semifinal round in Humorous Interpretation and was ranked second in Prose Reading. "It was a tough competition and I believe, as long as we strive hard and we are determined to reach our goal, no one can stop us in fulfilling our best. I pray that I will be blessed again next year so

I can make our islands proud once again," Wolf said.

Ashley Sikayun, NJSDA trip coordinator, who highlighted the importance of joining speech and debate contests, said its value goes beyond the public speaking component, "which is of course very important in itself. I've seen students who join speech and debate become much more confident. They are also more open to trying new things because they had to put themselves out there, they learned how to work hard; they found their voice and used it to impact others."

For the high school division, nearly half of the team made it to the next rounds. Kelvin Wolf and Jeff Matthew Melchor made it to the Top 200 in their categories. Jeremiah Fernandez and Edson Valdisimo made it to the third round in Storytelling, ranking them in the Top 85 in the nation.

Kate Ishida advanced to the Top 40 in Storytelling and Top 100 in Poetry reading.

Yu Jin Lee advanced to the fifth round in Prose and Poetry reading, ranking her in the Top 100. Lee has been attending the national tournament since

sixth grade. "Throughout my seven years of NJSDA and NSDA, and even the years before of PGFC, speech and debate has molded me into the person I am today," Lee said. "The competitions have taught me perseverance, confidence, and the importance of teamwork. I hope that I serve as an encouragement for students to take part in NSDA even as I go off to college."

Minna Ito set a new CNMI record for Expository Speaking, breaking into the quarterfinals and ranking in the Top 28 in the nation.

Yuuki Nishida received the Four-Year National Qualifier Award for attending the national tournament in a qualifying event for all four years of high school.

NSDA trip coordinator Dencio Manglona lauds the students for their continued success. "Before we head to nationals every year, Team CNMI promises to give their friends and family back home something to celebrate and this year did not disappoint. This was all possible thanks to the individuals who decided to give countless hours in the aim of being better communicators and better people."

In 2014, the National Foren-

sics League was renamed the National Speech and Debate Association. Manglona said, "Some of the competitors know it by an older name simply because their passion for speech brought them to the national tournament over six years ago when they were in junior high school and they have returned ever since then."

"It was a memorable experience and I know Florida next year won't quite be the same, but we'll make the CNMI proud again."

The students from 15 different private and public schools were trained and accompanied by their teacher coaches: Joy Jones, Tobed Smith, Manglona, Hazel Tudela, Kristine Wolf, Maria Mettao, Ashley Sikayun, Victoria Nishida, Lorelisa Espiritu, Grace Duran, and Ron Hodges.

Every year the CNMI Public School System and the federal programs office sends students to compete at the national level after they qualify by competing against other private and public schools at the regional level. Next year, the National Speech and Debate National Tournament will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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Phoenix, where McCain had a blood clot removed from above his left eye last Friday.

"Subsequent tissue pathology revealed that a primary brain tumor known as a glioblastoma was associated with the blood clot," his office said in a statement.

According to the American Brain Tumor Association, more than 12,000 people a year are diagnosed with glioblastoma, a particularly aggressive type of tumor. The American Cancer Society puts the five-year survival rate for patients over 55 at about 4 percent.

It's the same type of tumor that struck McCain's close Democratic colleague in legislative battles, the late Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts.

The tumor digs tentacle-like roots into normal brain tissue. Patients fare best when surgeons can cut out all the visible tumor, which happened with McCain's tumor, according to his office. That isn't a cure; cancerous cells that aren't visible still tend to lurk, the reason McCain's doctors are considering further treatment, including chemotherapy and radiation.

In a statement on Twitter, his daughter, Meghan McCain, spoke of the shock of the news and the anxiety over what happens next. "My love for my father is boundless

and like any daughter I cannot and do not wish to be in a world without him. I have faith that those days remain far away," she said.

South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham said he spoke to McCain Wednesday evening. Graham said McCain told him: "Yeah, I'm going to have to stay here a little bit longer, take some treatments. I'll be back."

The senator and chairman of the Armed Services Committee had been recovering at his Arizona home. His absence had forced Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., to delay action on health care legislation. McCain had been slated to oversee debate of the sweeping defense policy bill in the coming weeks.

As word spread of his diagnosis, presidents past and present along with McCain's current and former Senate colleagues offered support in an outpouring rarely seen in Washington.

"Senator John McCain has always been a fighter. Melania and I send our thoughts and prayers to Senator McCain, Cindy, and their entire family. Get well soon," President Donald Trump said.

Barack Obama, who dashed McCain's dreams of the presidency, said in a tweet: "John McCain is an American hero & one of the bravest fighters I've ever known. Cancer doesn't know what it's up against. Give it hell, John."

IPI

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while their target date to finish their restaurant is by the end of August this year. The "full-fledged restaurant" will be named "Chairman M."

Without indicating a target date, IPI hopes to finish the second floor of the casino before completion of "Chairman M."

IPI's main problem is the lack of construction manpower. It is considering hiring construction workers directly by utilizing the H-2 visa category.

According to CCC executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero, once construction work on the 15 villas is completed, they would all be operational. Past amendments allowed the construction of the Imperial Pacific Resort to be completed in phases before being fully functional.

CCC to meet with new

Senate committee

Deleon Guerrero said yesterday that the casino commission would be meeting on Aug. 1, 2017 with the newly formed Senate Gaming Committee, chaired by Sen. Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan).

"We have been requested by the chairman to appear before the [committee] on Aug. 1," said Deleon Guerrero.

He believes the meeting is more of an introduction of the brand new committee to the regulatory body, "to share information" and get updates on the gaming industry altogether.

According to Deleon Guerrero, the commission will use that opportunity to ask the committee's help "with some of our proposed legislative changes to Public Law 18-56"—the law that deals with fees and initial investment, and disposition of gross revenue tax revenue from the fees generated from the exclusive gaming license.

BOE approves temporary certification...

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REPORTER

The Board of Education approved yesterday a proposal to grant teaching certificates to educators who are waiting for pending clearances from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The BOE held a meeting yesterday and one of the topics discussed was the certification and licensing of educators. According to board member Herman T. Guerrero, the processes of certifying an educator is long and the shortage of teachers has become a drag on the education system.

Guerrero said an FBI clearance has always been a requirement for new teachers. The problem with the requirement is the amount of time to complete it. According to him, it takes roughly a year to complete the process.

During the board meeting, it was proposed to require both a police clearance and an FBI clearance for new educators. The police clearance would earn an educator a temporary certification indicating that an FBI clearance is pending. Once the FBI clearance is obtained, an official certification will replace the temporary one.

Guerrero later clarified in an interview that police clearances will only track criminal records in the past six months, as opposed to an FBI clearance that would track criminal history back to the legal age of 18.

During the meeting, BOE chair Marylou Ada and board member Florine Hofschneider were both reluctant to agree to the proposal, fearing that it could compromise the safety of students. According to Guerrero, the certification is temporary until the process of obtaining an FBI clearance is completed.

After the discussion, the motion was carried and Ada and Hofschneider voted in favor of Guerrero's proposal.

Guerrero said this will combat the shortage of teachers and it will not be a problem because if it is discovered that an educator has been convicted of a felony in the past that could compromise the safety of students, the educator will be immediately terminated.

According to Guerrero, he feels that the use of an FBI clearance is only crucial for educators that are from off-island. He feels that it should not apply to local teachers because the island is small and news about any individual travels quickly.

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Interior provides \$1M for natural resource protection

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Acting Interior assistant secretary for Insular Areas Nikolao Pula has made available more than \$1 million for natural and cultural resource protection in the U.S. Insular Areas.

The funds will support a wide variety of initiatives that include watershed management, GIS skills development, radar monitoring and marine protected areas surveillance, youth education in conservation management, and environmental law-enforcement training.

These projects support sustainable use of natural and

cultural resources in the U.S. territories and freely associated states.

“People [on] the islands depend on the strength and viability of their natural resources for sustenance, and physical and socio-economic wellbeing,” said Pula. “Even small amounts of funding can yield great impacts, and this year’s recipients successfully demonstrate the wide range of areas where assistance is needed.”

The CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality Division of Coastal Resources Management will use \$95,000 to:

1. Train staff in marine and island ecosystems management;

2. Conduct “Ridge to Reef” educational program for youth to make connections between land-based sources of pollution and coastal health;

3. Provide surveillance, monitoring, and outreach to reduce littering, violations, and illegal dumping in Garapan;

4. Update the CNMI Coral Reef Management Priorities Setting Document;

5. Study Saipan lagoon seagrass to establish benefits these habitats provide to near-shore coastal environment; and

6. Update Conservation Action Plan for Garapan, the most densely populated watershed in the CNMI, and to help prioritize the most imminent threats such as polluted storm water runoff, nutrient pollution, or algal growth.

A non-profit organization in the CNMI, Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, will use \$94,881 to educate and train students in community conservation and stewardship programs to protect Saipan’s natural resources and the environment. This year the students will develop a school conservation action plan. They

will also carry out reforestation projects at several public parks, particularly in coastal areas impacted by Typhoon Soudelor in 2015.

In Guam, the Bureau of Statistics and Plans will receive \$95,000 for a variety of projects, including:

1. Providing coral reef management support through participation in local and regional meetings to address and promote sound management of coral reef conservation efforts on Guam. These efforts promote sustainability of Guam’s tourism industry and responsible development along Guam’s shorelines.

2. Support the Guam Nature Alliance, the University of Guam’s Island Sustainability Conference and other efforts to engage communities in the management of Guam’s land, water and ocean resources.

3. TASI Watch beach guides will be hired and trained to monitor trends in recreational use and conduct educational outreach at Piti’s Tepungan Bay, one of five marine preserves in Guam and also one of the most heavily used for introductory dives. The Guam Visitor’s Bureau documented more than 125,000 dive visitors in 2015, with no details on how many may have used the Piti site. Understanding those numbers will help guide strategies to reduce recreational impacts on one of Guam’s most important local reefs. *Tasi* means sea in Chamorro.

The National Coral Reef Management Fellowship Program was granted \$200,000 for 2017-2018 to help place a Coral Fellow each in American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the CNMI.

This program was identi-

fied by the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force members (which include the governors of these U.S. territories) as one of its highest priorities for funding.

The collaborative fellowship program, which is administered by the National Coral Reef Institute of Nova Southeastern University in Florida seeks to build next generation leaders and capacity for effective local coral reef ecosystem management. NOAA will provide an additional \$400,000 for travel, training, and development of the fellows and provide for additional fellows to be placed in Hawaii, Florida and Puerto Rico.

The American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources will get \$94,906, while the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources is granted \$103,000.

In Palau, the Ridge to Reefs, a non-profit organization, is granted \$100,000 to work with the Belau Watershed Alliance, the Palau Conservation Society, and other local and community partners on Palau to address increases in growth and development around the main island of Babeldaob since completion of the circumferential Compact Road.

The Nature Conservancy Micronesia will receive \$93,600 to pilot a community-based fisheries management program on Oneisomw in the Chuuk Lagoon and address a decline in fisheries due to overfishing and damage of coral reef habitats. Chuuk has only 2 percent of its marine resources designated as no-take areas, the lowest among the four states in the Federated States of Micronesia. Chuuk

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Ex-USPS officer in mail theft case inks plea deal

A former U.S. Postal Service officer who is accused of stealing a package from the Chalan Kanoa Post Office has entered

a plea agreement with the U.S. government.

Assistant U.S. attorney James J. Benedetto, coun-

sel for the U.S. government, requested the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Wednesday to schedule the

case against Mark Tyquengco for a change of plea hearing on Aug. 10, 2017.

The plea agreement was

sealed.

The federal court released Tyquengco on his own recognizance and recently allowed him to travel to Guam.

The indictment charged him with mail theft and theft of mail.

The court set the trial for Aug. 15, 2017.

According to the indictment, Tyquengco stole a package from a postal box at the Chalan Kanoa Post Office. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

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has suffered from challenges such as overfishing, land-based pollution, the lack of a statewide approach to management, and a lack of capacity for resource planning. This project is in line with the Micronesia Challenge, a shared commitment by the chief executives of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of

Palau to effectively conserve at least 30% of near-shore marine and 20% of terrestrial resources across the Micronesia region by 2020, and shared recognition that the future of the islands depends on the viability of their marine and terrestrial environments.

The Micronesia Conservation Trust will receive \$127,400 to fund the participation of one conservation officer from each of the Micronesian island jurisdictions in the Micronesia Challenge to participate in the first course scheduled for 2017 at the Ma-

rine-Terrestrial Conservation Enforcement Academy at the Guam Community College.

Through this MCT-GCC collaboration, conservation officers across the region will be trained in safety procedures and how to approach and apprehend alleged violators as well as prepare reports that can stand up in court.

The Micronesia Conservation Trust, a financial mechanism of the Micronesia Challenge, is a regional organization supporting biodiversity conservation and related sustainable development for

the people of Micronesia in the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, the Marshall Islands, Guam, and the CNMI.

All funding was provided under what was formerly called the Coral Reef Initiative and is available under CFDA 15.875 at <https://www.grants.gov/>. All four U.S. territories of the USVI, American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI,

as well as the three freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau are eligible to apply.

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Garapan Fishing Base eyed by developers

Investors have been expressing an interest in leasing the Garapan Fishing Base, but the Department of Public Lands has said no to proposals, saying the site is reserved for community events.

DPL Secretary Marianne Teregeyo said her agency has been repeatedly urged to lease the Garapan Fishing Base property. However, she said that even before her time as secretary, it has been common practice to reserve the area for the community.

"The fishing base is the community's recreational area," said Teregeyo, adding

that the site hosts numerous events like the Thursday Market, Flame Tree Festival, and recently the Taste of Marianas.

"Investors have been coming in with interests in the area and we haven't entertained them because the fishing base is a public resource; that's where the community gathers," she said, indicating that DPL secretaries before her have consistently declined investment offers.

According to Teregeyo, it is a "matter of policy" to not entertain developments at the Garapan Fishing Base because of the lack of a land use plan to solidify "actual

public resource areas."

A land use plan is a master inventory of all public lands, including their types, usages, and zoning prohibitions. The land use plan also indicates ideal sites for homesteads, community recreational sites, and business development.

The land use plan includes Saipan, Rota, Tinian, and the Northern Islands but excludes Uracas, Maug, and Asuncion as these are protected by the CNMI Constitution.

Teregeyo said DPL is "pushing back [investors] until the plan is in place," without expounding whether

DPL is open to negotiations or not. She added that with community input, the plan would "identify if the fishing base [would be locked in] as a public resource."

Saipan Tribune learned last Wednesday that DPL has awarded SSFM CNMI, LLC a contract to spearhead the land use plan development project. Teregeyo claimed that prior to the awarding, back-to-back negotiations between SSFM and DPL occurred for two months before DPL felt comfortable with their offer.

Teregeyo told *Saipan Tribune* that a land use plan may be in place after a year. (Erwin Encinares)

'We would protest until we get paid'

Workers staged a picket once more in front of the Imperial Pacific Resort in Garapan yesterday to pressure their construction companies to pay them their wages.

Some 40 workers joined yesterday's protest action. The workers, through a translator, said they would continue to "protest until we receive what we are entitled to under the law."

The workers are part of a group that entered the CNMI as tourists and later worked on

building the IPR under subcontractors hired to build the casino resort. They were all told to stop working in April this year and have since been waiting for their wages for their wages.

"This is why we have been protesting," said the group.

The 40-some protesters include construction workers from Suzhou Gold Mantis Construction Decoration, MCC International, CMC Macau, and Beilida Overseas (CNMI) Ltd. (Erwin Encinares)

Man, 59, allegedly points gun at another on Tinian

On Tuesday, a 59-year-old man on Tinian allegedly pointed a gun at another man that he had accused of using his bush cutter in Marpo Valley.

Alvin Barcinas Ogo, a former employee of the Tinian Department of Public Works, was arrested on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and disturbing the peace.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$25,000 cash bail on Ogo and set the preliminary hearing for July 26 at 1:30pm.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as Ogo's counsel. Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government.

Police said that that James Mendiola called the Tinian Department of Public Safety for police assistance on Tuesday at 3:22pm because Ogo allegedly pointed a gun at one of his workers.

Three police officers responded. Upon heading

north to Marpo Valley, they noticed a forklift truck traveling south, being driven by Ogo. One officer ordered Ogo to stop the truck and surrender his rifle. Ogo obeyed. The other officer also confiscated from the suspect a knife attached to his belt.

During an interview, the victim told police that he and two companions were cutting some trees by the driveway at the residence of James Mendiola when Ogo arrived on a truck, with the forklift following him. Ogo then picked up the bush cutter that the victim was using and put it in the back of the truck. The worker told Ogo to put the bush cutter back because it belonged to Mendiola. Ogo insisted that it was his.

Ogo then allegedly took a rifle from the passenger side of the truck, loaded it with bullets, then pointed the gun at the worker.

The victim told police that he was about 40 to 50 feet away from the suspect at that time. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 02, 2017 at 10AM** at the BECQ 2nd Floor Main Conference Room, Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - a) Call to Order
 - b) Roll Call
 - c) Adoption of Agenda
 - d) Adoption of June 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes
- II. PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW

Project: SAIPAN GLOBE HOTEL
 CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2017-X-055

 - a. Project Introduction
 - b. Discussion and Review for Certification of Completeness
 - c. CRM Permit Application Determination
- III. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- IV. OTHER MATTERS
- V. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (NOTE: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ JANICE E. CASTRO
 Acting Director, DCRM

Anyuta dedicated to ex-Rota mayor



A small island across the Rota marina that is locally known as Anyuta Island is now called the Mayor Prudencio Taisacan Manglona Harbor Island Park.

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A small island across the Rota marina that is locally known as Anyuta Island has been dedicated in memory of the island's former mayor and is now called the Mayor Prudencio Taisacan Manglona Harbor Island Park.

Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig and his management team put together the arrangements to make the ceremony happen.

The Rota municipality is now working with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to put up power poles on the island that will provide streetlights and a power source so that visitors in the area can conveniently enjoy using the place. Park goes currently use generators and inverters to power lights and other electronic devices while camping or having small gatherings on the island.

Regulatory permits have been prepared and submitted for further review and approval.

For many years, the Rota community have gathered

and socialized on the island for various occasions. Tourist and other visitors also had the opportunity to enjoy the ocean breeze at the park overlooking the Station of the Cross in Songsong Village.

Boaters participating in annual Rota fishing derbies have easy access to the island.

Earlier this year, Atalig contracted a project to design and construct Chamorro huts on the island to better serve the community, tourists, and visitors.

Manglona served Rota for nearly 40 years as municipal mayor (1978-1994).

During the recent dedication of the island, Atalig said that, as a child, his father would bring him along to campaign gatherings and that he had the privilege to witness and hear the words of wisdom delivered by the late mayor, which inspired him to become a politician.

Donald Manglona, a grandson of Manglona, expressed appreciation to Rota leaders and the people of Rota dedicating the island to his grandfather. (PR)



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Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig and some key staff have already seen the site.
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Potential tourist site located in Sabana, Rota

Rota continues to identify areas that visitors may witness to understand the island’s historical significance and simply experience an adventure during their visit.

Recently, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife was able to unveil a potential tourist site in the plateau of Sabana.

The place holds remnants of what appears to be a cable cart infrastructure during the Japanese administration (1914-1944).

The activity and its existence is in history books and island residents knew about it, but the whereabouts of the actual construction site in the Sabana plain was unknown until now, thanks to the DLNR team that dedicated time and effort to uncover the site.

Rota was known for its rich phosphorus soil buried deep in the plains of Sabana, which were the extracted and delivered via cable carts to a seaport built during the Japanese administration for export.

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The municipality has already secured funding from the Marianas Visitors Authority for the construction of three pavilions for tourist and visitors to rest and relax during and after the trail excursion.

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Workshop topics include VA benefits, loan guaranty, vocational rehabilitation & employment, death benefits & education benefits. Counselors will be available to answer questions and assist with the claim process. (PR)

NMPASI closed this morning

This is to inform the public that the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. or NMPASI will be closed today, July 21, 2017, from 8am to 1pm. It will resume normal business hours at 1pm. (PR)

Ayuda invites public to fair

The Ayuda Network, Inc. is inviting the public to a Community and Partnership Fair on Saturday, July 29, at the Filcom Pavilion/Civic Center basketball court from 7:30am to 4pm. The purpose of the fair is to acknowledge and promote network partners for their 25 years of support and contributions to the Ayuda Network, Inc. and the 15 years of advocacy support and contributions to the Commonwealth Diabetes Coalition. For more information, contact the Ayuda Network at 322-7469 or ayudanet@ayuda-cnmi.org or crsp.ayudanet1@gmail.com. (PR)

Power outage Saturday

There will be a power interruption on Saturday, July 22, 2017, from 5:30am to 10:30am, in Dandan on Flame Tree Road to allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew to replace wooden power poles with concrete poles. Saturday's power outage will affect Lower Dandan (Holiday Dr., Independence Loop, and Natibu Pl.) and partials of Flame Tree Road. The IF-15 water well may be affected. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282). (PR)

Water service interruption in Kagman

The entire Kagman will experience a water service interruption on Monday, July 24, from 9am to 1pm. The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s leak detection consultant will be performing leak detection on the CUC water transmission lines throughout Kagman. In doing so, shutting-off the water wells is required to locate leaks in the area. This project will enhance CUC's capability to provide reliable water service in the future and reduce inconvenience to its consumers. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center at 664-4282. (PR)

Free kids' camp, teen sports clinics

Kagman Community Church will host free Kids' Camp on July 24-27, from 9am until noon for children ages 4-11. Children can choose between soccer, basketball, arts and crafts, and drama. KCC will also host free Teen Sports Clinics for softball, soccer, and basketball from 2:30pm to 5pm at the Kagman 2 basketball court. Call 246-8171 or email flybjrew@yahoo.com to register or for more information. Rides are available in Kagman. (PR)



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MYPros names 3 young professional nominees

The Marianas Young Professionals, or MYPros, has named three nominees for its inaugural Young Professional of the Year award, and the winner will be named at the "White Sand Gala" this Saturday, July 22.

The nominees are Rob Travilla, Bobby Cruz, and Nola Hix.

Saturday's "White Sand Gala" this Saturday, from 6pm to 10pm, at Surf Club Saipan, also celebrates the second anniversary of MYPros and honors its members with the Volunteer of the Year award and the Spotlight Award.

Details were announced during Young Professionals Week that was celebrated from June 26 to 30.

ROB TRAVILLA

A creator, a designer, and artist, Travilla began working on



Travilla

cultivating his talents at the age of 13 with the tattoo artist Edong Elenzano of Mega-vision El Drako Tattoo.

He then created and founded the Salbahe' brand in 2006. After almost 10 years, he co-founded Tribe Marianas in 2015.

Since its debut, Tribe Marianas has been one of the fastest growing brands on this side of the Pacific. With over 10,000-plus followers on their social media outlets, Tribe Marianas has become one of the most followed companies in the CNMI.

In the past year, Tribe

Marianas collaborated and partnered with global entities such as Budweiser, Toyota, Docomo Pacific, and with T Galleria DFS Saipan. Through its online store, Tribe Marianas has shipped to California, Washington, Oregon, Texas, Florida, Hawaii, Alaska, Japan, and Korea.

Travilla has also been giving back to the community by being an active member of Marianas March Against Cancer since 2012 and a supporter of Kagman High School's Million Dollar Scholar Program.

BOBBY CRUZ

Cruz has been with the Public School System for nearly a decade, as a teacher, a curriculum manager, a school administrator, and director of Instructional Technology.

Cruz has a bachelor's in



Cruz

English Literature, a master's in International Education, and is in the final stage of completing his doctorate on Educational Leadership.

Cruz is most passionate about education. He believes that education is the sword against poverty, the mechanism for significant progress, and the roots of innovation. This is Cruz's life's work here in the CNMI. It happens to be the focus of his dissertation.

Outside of his professional role, Cruz plays tennis and paddle. In the 2010 Micronesian Games, he brought home a silver and bronze medals in tennis. He has served as a tournament director for local tennis events and has held the post as a tournament umpire for the locally hosted International Tennis Federation Junior Championships.

Cruz is also a competitive paddler and a board member of the Marianas Outrigger Club. He and his team members have volunteered their time to lead padding clinic and inspirational talks.

Cruz's other activities range from supporting cleanups and volunteering with the Salvation Army, to mentoring students seeking a college pathway, to facilitating free professional developments, to

serving on the steering committee for the Marianas March Against Cancer.

NOLA HIX

Nola Kileleman Hix is the Services & Solutions executive for Xerox Corp. on Saipan, a position which she has held since 2012. After high school, Hix began her career in the radio industry for Sorensen Media Group (Power99) as an on-air personality. At 21, she was promoted to Business Account manager before accepting a position as the marketing coordinator for both IT&E and Docomo Pacific, until joining Xerox.

For the past five years, Hix managed over 1,000-plus accounts in the CNMI. She has a long record of community service. Since 2013, Hix has been the sponsorship chair of the Commonwealth Cancer Association's Marianas March Against Cancer Committee, and has been an active board member of the American Red Cross NMI Chapter as a Club 200 chair. From 2012-2014 she served as the coordinator for CNMI Operation Homefront where she and Geri Willis have worked to send care packages to military personnel across

the globe.

In 2015, Hix co-founded Marianas Young Professionals (MYPros) and as vice president. Shortly after, she worked with United 4 Saipan to provide necessities for people affected by Typhoon Soudelor.

Hix has remained active in various professional activities and has served in different capacities as a secretary, director, and now member of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce. She is also a member of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam Women's Chamber of Commerce, and is the national committeewoman for the CNMI Democratic Party.

Throughout her 14-year professional career, Hix has been recognized as the 2016 Xerox President's Club, 2016 *Guam Business Magazine* "40 under 40 Community Spirit Award," 2015 Saipan Chamber of Commerce "Business Person of the Year" nominee, 2014 *Saipan Tribune*'s "Person of the Year" (as part of Operation Home Front), 2014 *Guam Business Magazine*'s "40 Under 40," and 2013 Xerox PAR CLUB Award.

The "White Sand Gala" this Saturday will feature a variety of dishes from the Surf Club Saipan and all-you-can-drink from a line-up of beverage sponsors. Tickets for \$40 each are still available for purchase. Email mypros.670@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/mypros670 for more information. (PR)

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Human rights petition seeks probe on Hawaii fishermen

HONOLULU (AP)—Groups have filed a human-rights complaint that aims to jump-start an investigation into conditions among foreign workers in Hawaii's commercial fishing industry.

Turtle Island Restoration Network told The Associated Press on Wednesday that they filed the complaint last week with the Inter-American Human Rights Commission. The filing asks the panel to determine the responsibility of the U.S. for human rights violations against foreign workers in Hawaii's longline fishing fleet.

An Associated Press investigation into the seafood industry revealed that hundreds of men are confined to Hawaii boats that operate due to a federal loophole that exempts the foreign fishermen from most basic labor protections. Many come from impoverished Southeast Asian and Pacific nations to take the jobs, which can pay as little as 70 cents an hour.

The fleet catches \$110 million worth of luxury seafood annually.

The petition, which the Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery and Ocean Defenders Alliance joined, was filed on July 13 with the agency that can make non-binding recommendations to government officials and policymakers.

The Inter-American Human Rights Commission is an autonomous body of the Organization of American States, which works to protect human rights in the hemisphere. The U.S. is a member of that organization.

"Hawaii's longline fishery operates in a void of regula-

tion. Government at the state and federal level is failing to ensure even the most basic human rights for these workers," said Cassie Burdyslaw, advocacy and policy director for the Turtle Island group.

Since initial reports, little has changed in the industry that provides ahi tuna and other fish to American and overseas consumers at a premium price.

A Hawaii lawmaker introduced measures to create more oversight but they failed. Both proposals aimed to find ways to get more information about what's happening on the boats and to catch potential problems.

"The lobby was out full force to kill this bill, just as I expected," said state Rep. Kaniela Ing, who pushed the measures. "It's difficult because there's very few advocacy organizations for these sorts of migrant workers, so their voice is not as loud as the moneyed lobby behind the longline guys."

In written testimony submitted during legislative hearings, Jim Cook and Sean Martin of the Hawaii Longline Association argued that foreign fishermen "possess legal standing and have legal recourse."

However, U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents now stamp "Refused" on every fisherman's landing permit. That means they are technically not allowed to set foot on U.S. soil, customs officials said. The state requires fishermen to be legally admitted to the U.S. to get fishing licenses.

The men are not permitted to fly into the country because they do not have visas and must instead arrive by boat.

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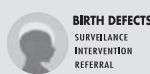
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Yet another GOP health care bill bites the dust

This week's failure of the Better Care Reconciliation Act, version 5.0 of the Republican health care plan, can best be understood by reviewing two famous statements Donald Trump made about health care policy.

Very early in his campaign for president, Trump promised that the Affordable Care Act would be repealed and replaced with "something terrific."

Eighteen months later, very early in his presidency, after actually learning something about health care policy, Trump said, "Nobody knew that health care could be so complicated."

In fact, anyone who's paid the slightest bit of attention to the system that accounts for one-sixth of the American economy knows health care is hideously complicated. The 2010 ACA was a rare attempt to make it work better for more Americans. Passing it was difficult, but the longer Americans had to get used to it, the more they liked it.

In a nutshell, that's why Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., was unable to round up the votes he needed to move forward with the BCRA—even after finagling the rules so he only needed 50 votes. It was not the "something terrific" that Trump promised. It was something terrible.

The BCRA failed because Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., needed time to recover from surgery last Friday to have a blood clot removed. McConnell needed McCain's vote, but in McCain's absence, pressure built on GOP senators who didn't like the bill. Sens. Mike Lee of Utah and Jerry Moran of Kansas announced Monday night they would join two other GOP senators in voting against it. Without them and McCain, McConnell had only 47 votes. He laid the bill aside.

Moran said he didn't like the way the bill would hurt rural hospitals and punish states, like Kansas, that didn't expand Medicaid. The bill would have hurt rural residents and hospitals in Missouri, which also didn't expand Medicaid. But Missouri Sen. Roy Blunt supported it. Go figure.

Trump immediately began advocating repealing the ACA effective in two years while Congress considered a better plan. A similar bill passed in 2015 but President Barack Obama vetoed it.

The Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation later reported the 2015 bill would have cost 32 million Americans their insurance coverage by 2026 and raised premiums in the nongroup insurance market by 50 percent. The BCRA would have cost 22 million people their coverage and raised premiums by 25 percent, so repeal-and-replace-later is considerably worse.

Health insurance is complicated because every part of it affects every other part. The ACA began addressing that, and while it's not perfect, Americans got used to something better. Trump clearly doesn't understand the issue, and having seen him break one campaign promise after another, there's no reason to bet on "something terrific" down the road.

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Time for Trump's kids to go

If you have ever worked for a small family-owned business, you know the perils of speaking truth to power. No doubt you've witnessed incredible double standards of ethical behavior and a circle-the-wagons mentality that can make close family ties a business liability.

As a real estate and entertainment mogul, Donald Trump was comfortable with this approach. The federal government, however, is a public trust and responsibility with ethical canons and rules. The complexity of a son, daughter and son-in-law as part of the president's advisory team dangerously mixes government service with family loyalty. If Trump wants to know why his approval ratings are at all-time lows except among his most ardent core supporters, nepotism is a big reason.

In a family business, conflicts of interests often are overlooked, excused or not punished as severely as they would be if committed by an employee outside the family. Family members often hold positions for which an applicant off the street with the same level of inexperience would be flatly rejected. Family members often become insulated from criticism and unfirable, the truth and incompetence be damned.

Last week, U.S. Rep. Bill Flores, a Texas Republican, broached this delicate subject publicly, calling on Trump to oust his children and in-law from the White House, in light of continuing revelations about their activities in the 2016 presidential campaign. "I'm going out on a limb here, but I would say that I think it would be in the president's best interest if he removed all of his children from the White House," Flores said. "Not only Donald Trump (Jr.), but Ivanka and Jared Kushner."

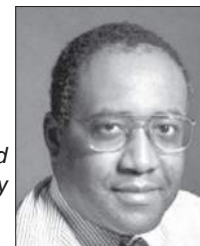
Government service has collided head-on with family matters. Donald Trump Jr., who doesn't formally work for the White House, says in hindsight that he would have handled things differently regarding the Trump Tower meeting with Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya in June 2016 to gather dirt on Hillary Clinton.

President Trump directly, and through surrogates, has steadfastly doubled down on support for his son's actions. The meeting with a Russian lawyer amounted to nothing, he says, and even if it had, the meeting was proper in the world of opposition research. And for son-in-law Jared Kushner's failure to disclose meetings with Russians linked to Russian President Vladimir Putin and his intelligence apparatus, the defense is essentially the same. Nothing to see here, move along, don't pick on us.

Kushner and Trump Jr.'s actions are being spun simultaneously as rookie mistakes and smart politics, a contradictory set of explanations. But the shifting excuses for what even New Jersey

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Gov. Chris Christie has described as "probably against the law in addition to being inappropriate" underscore the complicating factor of family ties. Kushner apparently still has his security clearance and could be in legal jeopardy as new information dribbles out daily that more people attended the meeting with Veselnitskaya than was previously indicated. Would anyone who wasn't related to the president by marriage still be part of the administration? Of course not.

Then there are the simply inappropriate moments, such as Ivanka Trump briefly representing the United States at a Group of 20 meeting. It's bad form and an insult to world leaders, who should expect top-level communication with an experienced diplomat if the president is unavailable. Yet Trump turned it into a defense of the family: "I'm very proud of my daughter Ivanka, always have been from day one. I have to tell you that—from day one. If she weren't my daughter, it'd be so much easier for her. It might be the only bad thing she has going, if you want to know the truth."

A 1967 federal law, the so-called Robert Kennedy amendment, was passed to prevent a president from appointing relatives to the Cabinet, as John F. Kennedy did when he selected his younger brother Robert to be his attorney general. The law never envisioned that any president would skirt the spirit of the measure and give politically inexperienced family members vast portfolios over more qualified people.

Walter Shaub, who has stepped down as the nation's top ethics watchdog, has proposed several changes to toughen federal ethics policies on business ties and other matters, which in some instances, he says, he never imagined would be necessary before Trump's election.

Anyone who works in the White House must work for the American people, not for dad. It's time for a "Trump amendment"—now.

Looking without seeing

Richard Wiseman, a professor of psychology, performed a study that examined some of the behavioral differences between people who were lucky and those who were unlucky. The study noted that one trait of the “unlucky” people was that they tended to focus on certain things to the exclusion of all else.

As Wiseman put it: “The harder they looked, the less they saw.”

“And so it is with luck,” Wiseman observed. “Unlucky people miss chance opportunities because they are too focused on looking for something else.”

One common term for this situation is “tunnel vision.”

It’s not just our eyeballs that can get stuck in tunnels. Our minds can do the same thing, losing perspective, flexibility, and, ultimately, awareness of what’s really going on.

On that note, the late philosopher Alan Watts said during a lecture, “People who think all the time have nothing to think about except thoughts.”

Such a person, Watts warned, “loses touch with reality and lives in a world of illusion.”

This can be more than just a temporary state of affairs. Indeed, I’ve seen people squander entire decades ruminating over the same things. That’s not just a tunnel; it’s a doughnut-shaped tunnel that’s just one big circle.

Incidentally, a mathematician would call that shape a “torus.”

Me, I call it “time to go to Winchell’s.”

Anyway, the problem, or at least a big chunk of it, is that we calculate, discuss, describe, and even conceptualize things in terms of symbols.

Symbols are powerful things. Civilization needs them. But although symbols make useful tools they also make very harsh masters.

For one thing it’s easy to confuse a symbol for the thing that it’s supposed to represent. A menu, for example, serves a useful purpose, but you wouldn’t want to actually eat it.

In like vein, getting an “A” in some topic doesn’t mean you actually know anything about it. And a business that has “healthy financial ratios” might be on the verge of doing a belly-flop.

No, I have nothing against menus or A’s or ratios, but I wouldn’t want to lose sight of the fact that they are mere tools.

Applying this distinction isn’t always easy. I’ve spent a chunk of my career crunching numbers, which, of course, are mere symbols, and it requires constant effort to keep things in perspective.

On a stand-alone basis that’s enough of a challenge. It gets even worse when groupthink is involved. I’ve survived enough committee meetings to know that when a shiny edifice of symbols is being worshiped, being precisely wrong is often more popular than being approximately right.

Another pitfall of symbols is that they can be easily manipulated to persuade people. You can pretty much convince people of anything if you’re skilled enough with rhetoric.

Some sages of the East, in fact, took this a step further and realized that non-truth is often an easier sell than the actual truth. Reality, when spoken, seems dry in the mouth. By contrast, we’ve all seen that sugar-coated illusions are always in demand.

Saipan has always enjoyed sugar, both in the literal and figurative sense, and over the decades many of the economic oppor-

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tunities, particularly in tourism, were yielded to Guam, which seemed more receptive to the dry realities of grinding out success in package tourism. Of course, the casino thing in Saipan is a new chapter in this story, so we’ll just have to see what happens.

Outside of that, though, as for past chapters, of successful enterprises I’ve seen on Saipan, at least those of the entrepreneurial variety, most weren’t based on deep thinking or in particularly complex studies. They were, instead, rooted in the “good luck” that came from having vision broad enough to see an opportunity that was sitting on the sidelines.

Well, speaking of being on the sidelines, I’m not going to get anything done today if I don’t finish this doughnut and get moving. By 3pm I intend to have finished my chores, whereupon I will commence a weekend of thinking about nothing at all. After all, that’s often the best way of thinking, since we can see a lot more when we’re not looking too closely.

From my notepad

U.S. Republicans may have avoided the ditch on healthcare but they instantly backed into a cul-de-sac that took the wind out of their rear tire.

The blame game quickly emerged, where President Trump accused Democrats of not rallying behind the efforts of Sen. Mitch McConnell to repeal and replace the disastrous Obamacare health law.

Again, the political divide and imploding infighting took greater importance over delving into what the new legislation portends as a matter of policy. Trump said he’d let Obamacare “crash on its own” to force Democrats to come to the table. But he needs to lure fellow Republicans foremost who pulled out of the deal in recent days.

Before puncturing its rear tire, there was hope in Sen. Ted Cruz’s “Consumer Freedom Option” as a way out. It empowers people and families to pick and choose what they want in their own insurance packages. But this too is dead fish in the water.

The planned healthcare repeal is one of several measures to cut taxes Republicans hope to approve over the next several months. Businesses aren’t worried for they’ve gotten used to the usual “do-nothing” disposition of the Washington establishment and special interest groups. Recipients wait by the side of the road yawning.

Posture: With Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands sinking deep in the red ink of deficit in the billions of dollars, interesting how the bankruptcy started: unbridled retirement system that can no longer pay retirees.

The NMI came close to a billion-plus dollars in unfunded liability in the old retirement system. You add this old debt to the current deficit of \$471 million and somehow we resemble the

path of the other bankrupt territories. Anybody home?

I still say the NMI must buckle to finding out its fiscal posture: cumulative deficit, revenue generation and ability to pay off obligations. Bankruptcy would be disastrous where it is strapped from defraying essential public services. Is this an issue that matters to our men of wisdom?

Atrophy: Since 1977 we started electing our representatives in government from the governor to the legislature. It’s called self-government and so Uncle Sam basically left us to flex our own muscles. In the mid-’80s we reached the peak of our economic growth with more than sufficient funds in the local coffers for our needs.

Somehow the accumulated wealth started its strange downward spiral or atrophy. Japanese investment headed to jet ways selling others it left behind. It drained some \$7 billion from the local coffers. The fiscal atrophy was doubled down by the closure of the apparel industry. I figure we lost a combined income of about \$12 billion in the process. We haven’t been able to recover since.

Communal: Beneath the cover of communal sharing—where siblings help one another—we find families who are barely making it. It would be good to explore what’s the primary cause of this setback. Is it joblessness and is there room to place these folks in jobs somewhere for training so they learn a skill? It’s a red flag that merits review.

Poverty: That more than 50 percent of employees here earn poverty level income triggers questions how families have fared in these bad times. Have they been able to pay for the first family home or have they lost it to the banks? What has the Indigenous Office done in this regard? Is there genuine effort to pitch in constructively?

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Housing: The housing agency is caught with higher demand for assistance than there are houses to meet this need. It happens and it is doing due diligence to resolve the issue over the next year.

The demand must have been triggered by the imposition of higher rental fees where some of our people used to be tenants in the Garapan area. New owners renovated their place and rented them out to new tenants who could afford the new increase.

Abuses: There’s an increase in spousal and child abuse per recent news reports. It brings to focus the cause(s) of this familial setback. Is it drug and alcohol related? Isn’t this a tale of a broken home hardly conducive for young school age kids? Is one of two parents jobless? But there are social safety nets where these folks could seek help from, true? Troubling!

The system: There will come a time when Washington would clamp down on the federal deficit as it slides beyond \$20 trillion. It’s a tale that the federal government spends a lot of money on runaway entitlement programs, from food stamps to Medicaid.

I’ve seen how federal largess allows folks to sit pretty, living in free housing, food stamps, federally paid babysitters, among others. I was awestruck at how they could pull such a scheme that includes hitting the links, chasing after a small white ball.

Viable: Among friends, we hear casual discussion about viable gubernatorial prospects for next year. Heard of four names that may be good in their own right. But would the multitude gravitate to any of them in decisive fashion to inflict change?

You can’t easily dismiss the incumbent governor in the impending contest, given that he has the political resources to move his camp forward. His political machinery is still the most fully greased for the impending contest. For each prospect, it’s a matter of village networking on all three inhabited islands.

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I see that Mayor David Apatang is seeking for re-election. He has about 800 people in his recent kick-off event at PIC. He’s done well and highly visible all over. It’s hard topping his performance!

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Of snobbery and condescension: A political adviser told his candidate, “Sir, you would win because you have the thinking people on your side.” Said he, “Ah, but I need the majority to win.” The candidate lost. No mo’ thinking!

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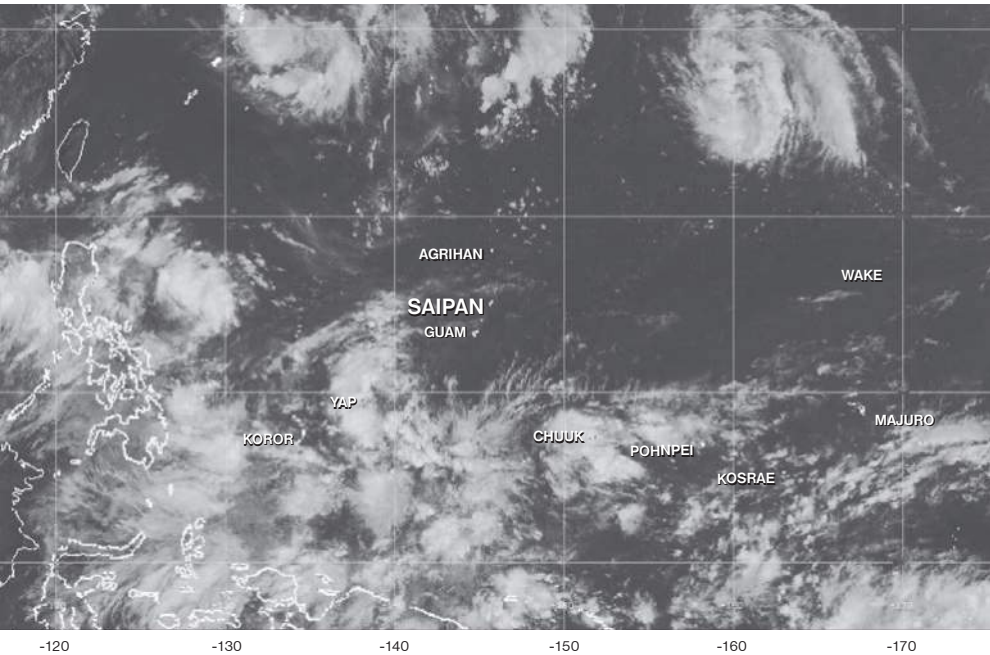
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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
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TW308	1:35am	5:20am	2, 3, 4	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	ZE581	10:10am	3:55pm	Daily
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7	TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1, 2, 3
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
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LJ652	4:45am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
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ZE582	4:45pm	8:35pm	Daily	LJ651	10:00pm	3:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
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SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:40pm	2 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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U043	4:40am	8:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	HX076	5:20pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
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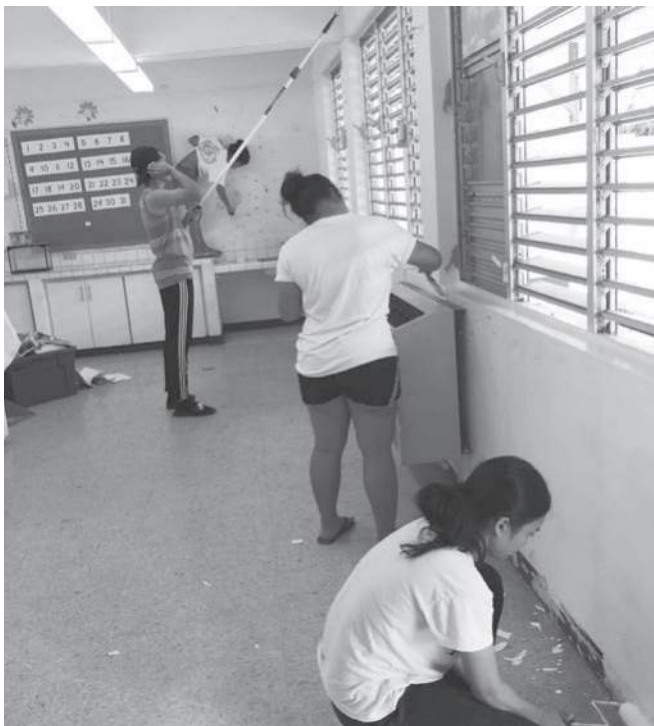
With less than a month before the opening of school year 2017-2018, San Vicente Elementary School is undergoing extensive cleanup and rehabilitation work, thanks to the "School Pride Project" of Imperial Pacific International Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility.

The work includes cleanup and repainting of the school's 28 classrooms, pathways, hallways, and basketball court. (PR)



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The hallways at San Vicente Elementary School undergo a thorough cleanup from Imperial Pacific International Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility team.



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The Imperial Pacific International Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility team is joined by community volunteers for the cleanup.



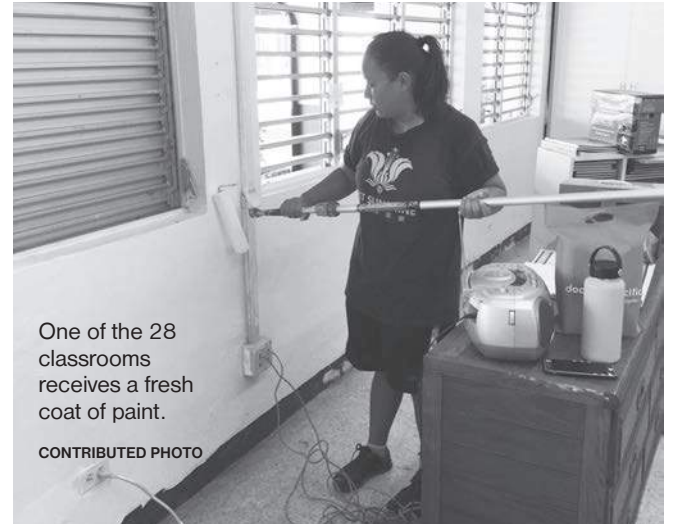
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San Vicente Elementary School provided the paint and Imperial Pacific International Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility team handled the manpower needed to ensure the school is ready for the opening of the new school year.



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The clean up includes the basketball court, which San Vicente Elementary School pupils use for their sports and other activities.



One of the 28 classrooms receives a fresh coat of paint.

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Business

Made-in-USA goods can be pricey and elusive

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump's push this week to get Americans to buy goods "made in America" is harder than it might seem.

Even for Trump.

The gold-plated pens the president uses to sign laws are assembled in Rhode Island but lacquered and engraved in China. The Boeing jet he posed with to showcase America's industrial might is 30 percent foreign-made. The firetruck the administration parked at the White House this week to promote U.S.-made goods gets about 10 percent of its parts from abroad.

Fact is, in a 21st century global economy, few products are exclusively American-made. U.S. manufacturers rely on global supply chains and many people buy

foreign goods for the simple reason that they value lower prices. Even for people who prefer to buy American-only, it is increasingly hard to identify which products qualify as such.

Promoting American-made products is "catnip" to politicians, notes Dan Ikenson, a trade analyst at the libertarian Cato Institute. But it comes at a price:

"When people feel compelled to buy local, buy American, they generally spend more money, which means they have less to spend on other things or to save," Ikenson says.

In his celebration this week of American-made products this week, Trump has yet to acknowledge such nuances. He has argued instead that buying exclusively American will create more



In this Friday, Feb. 17, 2017, file photo, U.S. President Donald Trump speaks in front of a Boeing 787 Dreamliner while visiting the Boeing South Carolina facility in North Charleston, S.C.

national wealth.

"From Day One, my administration has been fighting to bring back our manufacturing

jobs and crack down on foreign countries that cheat—a lot of them," Trump said at a White House event Wednes-

day with manufacturers. "We will end the theft of American prosperity."

On Monday, Trump also

went beyond saying he would protect the U.S. manufacturing sector. He also pledged a crackdown on "the predatory online sales of foreign goods" that he said are "absolutely killing" U.S. retail stores.

The challenge for Trump is that most Americans put a high premium on saving money, which makes them more likely to choose less expensive goods from abroad.

Last year, an Associated Press-GfK poll found that Americans said they preferred to buy foreign-made goods over identical American-made goods if the foreign products were cheaper. Asked to choose between \$50 pants made in another country and an identical \$85 pair made in the United States 67 percent say they'd buy the cheaper pair from abroad.

Trump exhorts Senate anew to rid US of Obamacare

WASHINGTON (AP)—Lecturing fellow Republicans, President Donald Trump summoned GOP senators to the White House Wednesday and told them face-to-face they must not leave town for their August recess without sending him an "Obamacare" repeal bill to sign. Senators responded by vowing to revive legislative efforts left for dead twice already this week.

Success was far from assured, but Trump declared

"I'm ready to act," putting the responsibility on Republican lawmakers, not himself. During last year's presidential campaign he had declared repeatedly it would be "so easy" to get rid of the Obama law.

The developments Wednesday came just a day after the latest GOP health care plan collapsed in the Senate, leading Trump himself to say it was time to simply let President Barack Obama's health care law fail. Majority Leader

Mitch McConnell had indicated he was prepared to stick a fork in the Republican bill and move on to other issues including overhauling the tax code.

But in an apparent change of heart, in keeping with his erratic engagement on the issue, Trump pressured McConnell to delay the key vote until next week, and he invited Republican senators to the White House for lunch.

There, with the cameras rolling in the State Dining

Room, Trump spoke at length as he cajoled, scolded and issued veiled threats to his fellow Republicans, all aimed at wringing a health care bill out of a divided caucus that's been unable to produce one so far.

"For seven years you promised the American people that you would repeal Obamacare. People are hurting. Inaction is not an option and frankly I don't think we should leave town unless we have a health insurance plan," he said.

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ITB NO.: ITB 17-DPW/ASD-175

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP-17-CHCC/MCHB-H.O.M.E-17

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: July 21, 2017 **TIME: 11:00AM**
RFP OPENING DATE: July 21, 2017 **TIME: 1:00 PM**

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/S/ PRISCILLA M. IAKOPO
CHCC DIRECTOR OF P&S

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP-17-CHCC/PHARMACY-20

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 3, 2017 **TIME: 1:00PM**
BID OPENING DATE: August 3, 2017 **TIME: 1:30 PM**

"AREA 10 RENOVATION- PHARMACY, COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION"

MANDATORY PRE-SUBMISSION ON-SITE ASSESSMENT

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McCain’s brain tumor is particularly aggressive type

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. John McCain’s tumor is one of the most aggressive forms of brain cancer, and his family and doctors are deliberating next treatment options.

The senator had undergone surgery last week to have a blood clot removed from above his left eye, and that clot turned out to be a sign that a tumor called a glioblastoma

had begun growing. Here are some things to know:

AGGRESSIVE CANCER

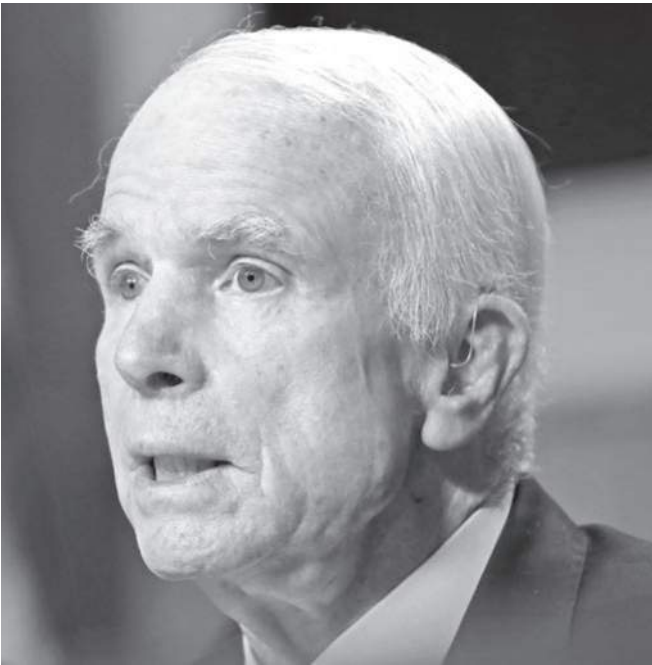
McCain’s doctors at the Mayo Clinic said they managed to remove all the tumor that was visible on brain scans. But this kind of tumor, formally known as a glioblastoma multiforme, is aggressive and sneaky. It puts out microscopic roots that go deeper into brain tissue, explained Dr. Joshua Bederson, chairman of neurosurgery at Mount Sinai Health System in New York, who has no direct knowledge of McCain’s care.

Still, a tumor above the eye is in a location that permits removal with far less risk of damage to language, motor and other brain functions than in many other areas, he noted.

SURGERY IS HARDLY EVER ENOUGH

McCain’s Mayo doctors said the senator’s next treatment options may include a combination of chemotherapy and radiation.

That’s standard, and the care can take weeks to months. Even



AP In this June 13, 2017, file photo, Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington, during the committee’s hearing on the defense department’s budget.

Remains found likely is 10th victim of Arizona flash flood

PHOENIX (AP)—Remains found Wednesday in a water- and debris-filled canyon in central Arizona are believed to be those of a missing 27-year-old man who’s the 10th and final victim of last weekend’s flash flood, authorities said.

Gila County Sheriff’s officials said at a hastily called news conference that identification of the body will be subject to DNA analysis by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

But they believe the body is that of Hector Miguel Garnica and have notified his relatives.

Last Saturday’s flash flood at a popular swimming hole along the river in the Tonto National Forest killed nine of Garnica’s extended family including his wife and three young children.

Nine bodies were recovered by Sunday and the search for Garnica had been hampered since Monday by afternoon thunderstorms that suspended operations.

In recent days, searches have included divers probing ponds of standing water along

the river and forestry crews using saws to cut up tree limbs to allow other searchers to dig and check under rocks and deep piles of debris.

Authorities said a DPS helicopter crew spotted the body on the side of the East Verde River just downstream from Shoofty Wash.

Relatives earlier Wednesday announced funeral services would be held early next week for their loved ones who died in the flood.

Jakki Moss, a manager with the local family-owned Messinger Mortuary, said visitation for the victims will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Scottsdale, Arizona. A funeral Mass for the group is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church, she said.

Garnica’s wife, Maria Raya-Garcia, their three small children, his mother-in-law, sister-in-law and other relatives were killed in the flood. The group had gathered to celebrate Maria Raya-Garcia’s birthday.

‘Couldn’t even see the sun’: Fire races near Yosemite park

MARIPOSA, Calif. (AP)—A surging wildfire raced through California mountains and foothills west of Yosemite National Park on Wednesday, forcing thousands to flee tiny, Gold Rush-era towns and wafting smoky haze over the park’s landmark Half Dome rock face.

The 4-day-old blaze nearly doubled in size overnight from about 40 square miles (100 kilometers) to more than 70 square miles (180 square kilometers), the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said.

At its closest, the blaze was still about 35 miles from the boundary of Yosemite, where campgrounds are open, park spokesman Scott Gediman said. The fire closed one of several roads into the park during its busy summer season, and rangers warned visitors with respiratory problems to be mindful of the haze, Gediman said.

Among park visitors Gediman talked to, “people understand fire is a naturally occurring thing,” he said. “Nobody

was upset about it.”

Yosemite does not appear at risk from the fire, which was moving south Wednesday, away from the park, California fire spokesman Jordan Motta said.

The fire has forced more than 4,000 people from homes in and around a half-dozen small communities, officials said.

Heavy smoke hung in the air over Mariposa, a town of 2,000 with century-old wooden buildings, including what’s touted as the oldest active courthouse west of the Rocky Mountains.

Tony Munoz, 63, and his wife, Edna Munoz, 59, were ordered out of their home outside Mariposa on Tuesday. They grabbed clothes, medicine and their three dogs and a cat and fled.

Driving out on narrow roads clogged by others getting out, “you couldn’t even see the sun” in the ash-filled sky, said Tony Munoz, a school custodian.

Downtown Mariposa was empty except for firefighters and other emergency workers. Fierce flames were visible on slopes about a mile away.

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As of July 21, 2017

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APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Timothy H. Bellas	07/06/2017 SSm-2017-X-075	Drydock	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved - 07/07/2017
2. Hana Tour Service dba Saipan Hana tour	07/06/2017 SLRm-2007-X-085	Marine Sports Snorkeling Tour Operation	Mañagaha Island	Lagoon & Reef	Approved - 07/10/2017
3. Big Boy’s Marine Sports	06/29/2017 SS/LR-95-X-265	Marine Sports Jet Ski Operation	Chalan Kanoa, Saipan	Multiple APCs	Renewal - Under Review
4. Megannum, Inc.	06/30/2017 SPI-2017-X-076	Soil Investigation	Lower Navy Hill, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved- 7/10/2017
5. Commonwealth Utilities Corporation	06/30/2017 SSWPI-2017-X-063 Amendment 2017-1	New Sewer Lift Station & Force main	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Multiple APCs	Approved- 7/07/2017
6. Kraig Church	07/07/2017 SSm-2017-X-078	Construction of retaining wall	Laolao Bay, Saipan	Shoreline	Under Review*
7. Saipan Crewboats, Inc.	07/10/2017 SPI-2017-X-079	Drydock	Able Dock, Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved- 07/12/2017
8. Korea Tourism, Inc. dba KTB Tours	07/06/2017 SLRm-2007-X-084	Marine Sports Snorkeling Tour Operation	Mañagaha Island	Lagoon & Reef	Approved- 07/10/2017
9. Flower Corporation dba Brilliant Saipan	7/11/2017 SLRm-2008-X-047	Marine Sports Scuba Dive Operation	All Dive Sites, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved- 7/12/2017
10. Commonwealth Utilities Corporation	6/16/2017 SWm-2017-X-074	Installation of Waterlines	Capitol Hill, Saipan	Wetland	WITHDRAWN 7/14/2017
11. Amigo Aquatic Marine Co., dba Amigo Aquatic Sports	7/12/2017 SLRm-95-X-100	Marine Sports Banana Boat Operation	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Renewal- Under Review
12. Amigo Aquatic Marine Co., dba Amigo Aquatic Sports	7/12/2017 SLRm-96-X-352	Marine Sports Parasailing Operation	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Renewal- Under Review

§15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major siting’s. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

Asia

Less than 1 aircraft carrier? The cost of N. Korea's nukes

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—When North Korea decided to go nuclear, it committed to a huge investment in a program that would bring severe sanctions and eat up precious resources that could have been spent boosting the nation's quality of life.

Money well spent?

Leader Kim Jong Un seems to think so.

North Korea's nuclear and missile development programs have without doubt come at a high cost, but the North has managed to march ever closer to having an arsenal capable of attacking targets in the region and—as demonstrated by its July 4 test launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile—the United States' mainland.

Good, solid figures for just about anything in North Korea are hard to come by. So what follows should be taken as ballpark guesses, at best.

But here's a look at how much that arsenal might cost Pyongyang, and why Kim might think that's the price he must pay to survive.

THE NUCLEAR PRICETAG

South Korea has estimated the cost of the North's nuclear program at \$1 billion to \$3 billion, with the higher number combining nuclear and missile development.

For context: one nuclear-powered Virginia class attack submarine costs the United States Navy about \$2.5 billion. The USS Gerald Ford, America's newest aircraft carrier, has an \$8 billion price tag, not counting development costs.

South Korea's Ministry of National Defense estimated the cost of the first 31 ballistic missiles Kim Jong Un



In this Saturday, April 15, 2017, file photo, people wave flags and plastic flowers as a float with model missiles and rockets with the words "For Peace and Stability in the World" is paraded across Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang, North Korea.

test-launched from when he took power in late 2011 until July last year at \$97 million. It put the price of each Scud at \$1 million to \$2 million; each Musudan from \$3 million to \$6 million; and each submarine-launched ballistic missile at \$5 million to \$10 million. Up until July last year, Kim had launched 16 Scuds, six Rodongs, six Musudans and three SLBMs.

Including the launch this month of its first ICBM, North Korea has conducted 11 tests, launching 17 missiles, so far this year.

North Korea's total defense spending is believed to be around \$10 billion a year, or somewhere between a fifth to a quarter of its gross

domestic product (about \$30 billion to \$40 billion).

WHERE DOES IT GET THE MONEY?

That's a matter of heated debate. But the \$2 billion it made in exports in 2015 would not begin to cover it. North Korea is also believed to have relied on foreign currency sent by tens of thousands of laborers dispatched abroad, as well as exports of illegal weapons and cybercrime.

Its military-spending-to-GDP ratio far exceeds any other country, but in monetary terms it spends much less than its neighbors, including South Korea and Japan, and its budget is absolutely minuscule when compared to

the United States.

Curtis Melvin, a researcher at the US-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins University, said that if the South Korean nuclear-program estimate is correct it would be a significant—but not necessarily destabilizing—draw on the North's economy.

"This is expensive, but probably a cost the country can absorb without fomenting much resentment among North Korean 'elites,' he said. "In fact, North Korean elites would probably feel less

secure without a nuclear program even if its costs relative to the economy as a whole were higher."

Melvin said the economic situation for common North Koreans would have to be in near ruin, with domestic resentment among elites reaching dangerous levels, before North Korea would reconsider its nuclear program.

"Current signals indicate that North Korea is nowhere near this breaking point," he said.

BURDEN OR BARGAIN?

The bottom line is that regime survival is Kim Jong Un's primary objective.

There is no way North Korea could keep up with its richer and more technologically advanced neighbors in a conventional arms race.

While certainly expensive, the North's nuclear strategy is in one sense a potential source of savings—once developed, maintaining a viable nuclear deterrent is less costly than paying for its conventional, million-man military. Once it has reliable nuclear arms, Pyongyang could reduce its spending on other areas of the military and redirect those savings toward the domestic economy.

It's possible Kim Jong Un has already begun doing that.

Officially announced budgets have shown increases in funds for the public good, and Kim has adopted as his guiding policy a strategy of simultaneously developing the country's nuclear arsenal and the national economy. Outside estimates indicate the North's GDP has been growing slowly or at least holding steady since he became leader, and there has been visible growth in construction and infrastructure projects, along with the production of consumer goods, over the past five years.

The flip side is the harder to quantify loss in revenue from trade and friendly relationships with the outside world due to sanctions aimed at getting Pyongyang to denuclearize.

Philippines cancels talks with communist rebels amid attacks

KIDAPAWAN, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine government scrapped preliminary peace talks with communist rebel leaders in Europe due to continuing guerrilla attacks, including new violence Wednesday that killed a government militiaman and wounded at least four presidential guards in the country's south, officials said.

Presidential adviser Jesus Dureza said the meetings between government representatives and the rebels planned in the next few days in Europe were canceled because the conditions "necessary to provide the desired enabling environment for the conduct of peace negotiations are still not present up to this time."

It's the latest discord that

has hampered talks between the guerrillas and the administration of President Rodrigo Duterte, who has criticized the insurgents for pressing attacks on government forces and private businesses.

Duterte was not in the area when the clash involving members of his elite guards occurred in Arakan town in southern North Cotabato province, said Presidential Security Group commander Louie Dagoy. The 10 presidential guards were in two vehicles as part of a regular deployment of support staff, he said.

Presidential Security Group spokesman Lt. Col. Michael Aquino said the vehicles were approaching a checkpoint when they noticed that armed

men in military uniforms manning it were rebels in disguise.

The presidential guards opened fire at the gunmen, who numbered around 50, sparking a clash that injured four guards, Aquino said. Police put the number of injured at five.

A militiaman who was not with the presidential guards was fatally shot when he tried to pass through the same rebel checkpoint, Arakan police chief Argie Celeste said.

Government forces were pursuing the rebels, who fled toward another village. One police agent was abducted by the rebels, police said.

The communist rebellion has raged for 48 years, one of the longest-running insurgencies in Asia.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Afghan officials: Roadside mines kill 3 children, 2 soldiers

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Afghan officials say that roadside mines have killed three children and two soldiers in two separate incidents in the country's western province of Herat. Hekmatullah Hekmat, a district governor in Herat, says both incidents took place on Tuesday. The children were riding a motorcycle that struck the mine and blew up. The acting governor in Herat, Juma Adil, says the two soldiers died trying to defuse the other mine. A third soldier was wounded in that explosion. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks. Afghanistan has the highest number in the world of victims of land mines, which along with roadside bombs kill or wound an estimated 140 people every month.

Pakistan says Indian attack in Kashmir kills 3

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan says Indian troops fired across the Line of Control in the disputed Kashmir region, killing a soldier and two civilians. A military statement on Wednesday said another seven people, including two soldiers, were wounded, and that Pakistani forces returned fire. It said the Indian attack was unprovoked, and violated a 2003 cease-fire agreement in the Himalayan region, which is

split between Indian and Pakistani zones. The nuclear-armed rivals each claim Kashmir in its entirety, and have been to war twice over it. The two sides frequently trade fire across the heavily militarized Line of Control.

East Timor vote highlights young nation's uneven progress

DILI, East Timor (AP)—Almost two dozen parties are contesting parliamentary elections in East Timor this weekend that are likely to return independence heroes to power despite frustration in the young democracy with lack of economic progress and warnings the country could be bankrupt within a decade. East Timorese hope the elections will repeat the success of a peaceful vote for the largely ceremonial role of president in March, which was the country's first election without U.N. supervision since peacekeepers left in 2012. Political stability is particularly crucial for the country, which officially gained independence only 15 years ago, because it is facing a financial time bomb. Oil revenues, which finance more than 90 percent of government spending, are rapidly dwindling and the country's \$16 billion sovereign wealth fund could be empty within 10 years with the government's annual withdrawals exceeding its investment returns, according to La'o Hamutuk, an East Timorese research institute.

World

Saudis release woman in viral miniskirt video without charge

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Saudi Arabia announced Wednesday that a woman who was detained after wearing a miniskirt in a video that went viral has been released without charge.

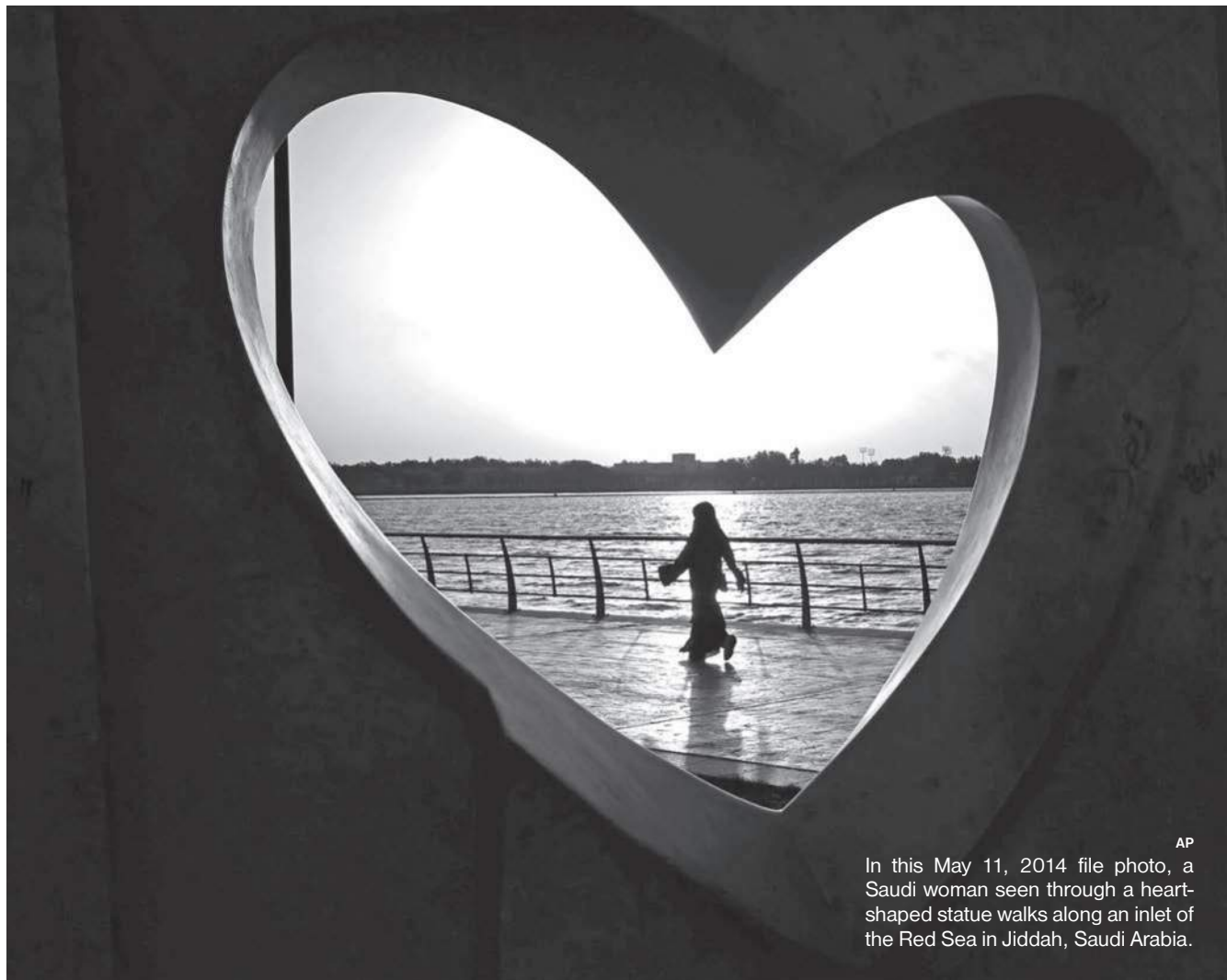
The decision not to press charges was a rare win for supporters of women's rights in Saudi Arabia, who criticized the public outcry against her. It also comes as Saudi Arabia overhauls its prosecution system under a new, young heir to the throne who has taken steps to try and modernize the country and its public image.

The viral video and the reaction to it in Saudi Arabia prompted police to bring the woman in for questioning for wearing "immodest clothes" in violation of the kingdom's conservative Islamic dress code.

Her release from detention without charge suggests that the subsequent international attention brought to the case may have helped lead to her quick release. Some women fleeing allegedly abusive families have languished in prison without charge, and others in the past have been imprisoned for defying Saudi Arabia's ban on women driving.

The young woman drew attention over the weekend when the video appeared online showing her walking in a historic village north of the capital, Riyadh, wearing a miniskirt and crop top, and showing her hair.

Saudi rules require all women living in the kingdom, including foreigners, to wear long, loose robes known as



AP
In this May 11, 2014 file photo, a Saudi woman seen through a heart-shaped statue walks along an inlet of the Red Sea in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia.

abayas in public. Most Saudi women also wear a headscarf and veil that covers the face.

A statement released by the Center for International Communication said police released the woman, who was not named. It says she was released Tuesday evening after a few hours of questioning and that she told investigators that the video posted on social me-

Cyberattack on Ukrainian clinics, pharmacies worries experts

KIEV, Ukraine (AP)—Dr. Lidiia Podkopaieva was about to click "send" on an order of new surgical instruments when her computer monitor suddenly went dark.

She speed-dialed the clinic's technician but didn't even have time to tell him what was wrong.

"We're under cyberattack," he told her. "Switch off the computer immediately."

The call would kick off a "crazy week" as Podkopaieva and her staff struggled with the sudden loss of half the computers at the Left Bank Pediatric Clinic in Kiev, where she serves as medical director. The central phone system collapsed, digital appointments vanished and diagnostic machines dropped offline, interrupting at least one patient's exam. Podkopaieva said no one suffered in the attack, but academics argue that even glancing blows to medical facilities like this one represent a damaging break with international norms.

"You cannot attack hospitals," said Duncan Hollis, a Temple University professor and a former treaty lawyer for the U.S. State Department. Although what happened at Podkopaieva's clinic fell short of the death and destruction that would constitute an unambiguous "attack," Hollis said the disruption was still a step in a

dangerous direction.

"It's getting close to, if not across the line of, actual harm that international law might be prohibiting," he said.

Podkopaieva's pediatric clinic, part of Ukraine's Dobrobut health group, was one of thousands of victims of the data-scrambling software dubbed "Nyetya" that erupted June 27. Unlike WannaCry, a similarly quick-spreading digital worm that also disrupted hospital work earlier this year, Nyetya's masters appear to have had the ability to draw data from their targets—meaning they either knew or could have discovered who would be at the receiving end of their attack.

Podkopaieva said the disruption to Dobrobut was considerable.

"For a moment, we were blind and deaf," she told The Associated Press in an interview at her clinic a week after the attack. Across Dobrobut, a CT scanner, a mammography machine and four X-ray machines were disabled after the worm crippled the Windows computers they were connected to. One patient had just finished being X-rayed when the cyberattack destroyed their scan, she said. Overall, about 100 examinations had to be canceled.

Dobrobut wasn't alone. Ukraine's Ministry of Health

says public hospitals weren't touched, but at least two other private medical institutions in Kiev were also affected, according to the Ukrainian website Censor.NET, which published a running tally of affected firms. The media group said several pharmaceutical companies also were affected by Nyetya and anecdotal evidence suggests pharmacies across Ukraine experienced shortages when the cyberattack derailed deliveries of medication.

Volodymyr Varenysia, who runs a drug store in the Luhansk region of Ukraine, said he ran out of iodine and Citramon, a headache medicine, in the days after June 27. The shortage lasted until deliveries resumed a full week later. Meanwhile, he had to turn some clients away empty-handed.

"People suffered because of this virus," he said in a telephone interview.

Podkopaieva's clinic recovered faster.

She said staff moved swiftly and calmly to restore her facility's systems and work around faults. Even when diagnostic work was canceled, every patient was still seen by a professional. Doctors wrote information down on paper, just as they had in the years before the hospital went digital. Within a day, the appoint-

ment system had been restored and by June 30, Podkopaieva finally ordered the instruments she was sending for when her computer went dead. They arrived that evening.

"We had good backups, which helped in part," she explained. Training helped too, she said, "even if we never expected that medical organizations would be affected by a cyberattack."

That anyone might be held accountable for the disruption seems unlikely. Ukrainian officials have laid the blame for Nyetya at Moscow's door, but Russian officials have denied any responsibility, and in any case hackers who operate at the scale of the June attack are notoriously difficult to bring to justice.

Even verbal condemnation has been hard to come by. U.S. officials have said nothing about the attack on Ukrainian medical facilities and little about the outbreak in Ukraine in general, despite the fact that spillover from the digital outbreak snarled traffic at American ports—formally considered critical national infrastructure—and disrupted several U.S. multinationals. A small U.S. care network, the Heritage Valley Health System, was also affected, with several operations rescheduled.

WORLD BRIEFS

3 Kenya men sentenced to death for stripping, abusing woman

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—A Kenyan court on Wednesday sentenced three men to death for stripping naked and abusing a woman during a wave of attacks by mobs claiming that women were inappropriately dressed. The three men were found guilty of robbery with violence, which carries a death sentence. Kenya's death penalty, by hanging, has not been carried out since 1987 and all such sentences are commuted to life imprisonment. Most of the series of attacks in 2014 were captured on cell phone video. They prompted protests in Kenya called #MyDressMyChoice. The victim told the court the three men were among seven on a public bus who tried to rape her but stopped when she said she was HIV-positive.

Chile Senate OKs bill allowing abortion in some cases

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—Chilean lawmakers took a major step toward legalizing abortion in some cases on Wednesday, a dramatic development in one of Latin America's most traditionally conservative countries. In a marathon session lasting well past midnight, the Senate voted to allow abortions when a mother's life is in danger, when the fetus is not viable and in cases of rape. A version of the bill was approved in 2016 by the lower house, where a vote on changes introduced by the Senate was postponed to Thursday. President Michelle Bachelet supports the measure and has said she would sign the law. But opposition lawmakers from the conservative political bloc Chile Vamos said they would appeal it to Chile's Constitutional Tribunal, which could rule it unconstitutional.

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Man beats odds of catching blue lobster, donates to science
PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP)—A New Hampshire lobsterman has joined an elite club after catching a rare blue lobster. The Portsmouth Herald reports Greg Ward initially thought he had snagged an albino lobster when he examined his catch off the coast Monday where New Hampshire borders Maine. The Rye lobsterman quickly realized his hard-shell lobster was a unique blue and cream color. The oft-cited odds of catching a blue lobster are 1 in 2 million. But no one knows for sure. Ward says the lobster is unlike anything he's ever seen. He gave the rare crustacean to the Seacoast Science Center in Rye to study and put on display. Center aquarist Rob Royer says Ward's blue lobster will go on display in the "exotic" lobster tank once it acclimates to the water.

Police: Man threatens to pull gun over wrong taco order
LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP)—A New Mexico man is facing charges after police say he threatened to pull a gun on a taco shop employee for giving him the wrong order. The Los Alamos Monitor reports that Lex Norman Deines was arrested Sunday following a heated exchange with an employee at Rigoberto's Taco Shop near one of the nation's premiere weapons labs. Los Alamos Police Department Cpl. Jemuel Montoya says an employee said Deines promised to retrieve a gun out of his car over the allegedly botched tacos. Witnesses said they heard the threat. The 48-year-old Deines was booked at the Los Alamos County Detention Center and is facing disorderly conduct and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon charges. It was not known if he had an attorney. The shop is near Los Alamos lab.

Self-described drug dealer calls 911, reports stolen cocaine
FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Calling 911 to report a stolen bag of cocaine probably wasn't the best idea for a self-described Florida drug dealer. But Okaloosa Sheriff's officials wrote on Facebook that 32-year-old David Blackmon did just that on Sunday morning. The post says Blackmon called 911 to report a robbery in Fort Walton Beach. Blackmon told the responding deputy that someone entered his car and took \$50 and about a quarter ounce

of cocaine from the center console. The report says the deputy spotted some cocaine and a crack rock on the console and a crack pipe on the floorboard by the driver's side door. Blackmon is charged with possession of cocaine and resisting arrest without violence. He was released from jail on Tuesday, but records don't list a lawyer.

Stranded fugitive arrested after flagging down deputy

RACELAND, La. (AP)—A fugitive who authorities say evaded capture since 2013 has been arrested after he flagged down a deputy in Louisiana. The Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office said in a news release that 30-year-old Jansen Simon was walking down Louisiana Highway 182 on Sunday when he flagged down a deputy. Simon told the deputy he was traveling with his friends, but they had left him on the side of the road. News outlets report the officer verified Simon's identity and took him into custody. In 2013, authorities say Simon struck another man with a hammer during an argument outside a bar. The man suffered a fractured skull. Simon was charged with aggravated second-degree battery and two counts of contempt of court. It's unclear if Simon has a lawyer.

Man overboard uses prosthetic leg to stay afloat

DOYLESTOWN, Ohio (AP)—An Ohio man says his prosthetic leg helped save his life after he went overboard during a fishing trip. Adam Shannon, of Doylestown, says he was fishing on Dohner Lake near his home Monday evening when a seat on his boat broke, sending him into the water. Shannon's prosthetic leg came off as he went into the lake. The 45-year-old was able to use his prosthetic as a flotation device when it got trapped in his pants and filled with air. Shannon called 911 for help, and his yelling attracted the attention of a family who lives nearby. Jeffrey and Matthew Krause grabbed their boat, paddled out to Shannon and tugged the man to shore. Shannon tells the Akron Beacon Journal he doesn't know what would've happened without his leg.

Illinois school dorm director teaches dog to bark in whisper

GREENVILLE, Ill. (AP)—A resident director who lives in a dorm at a college in southern Illinois has taught his dog to bark in a whisper. Brian

Gertler lives in an apartment with his wife and 1-year-old dog Dudley inside a freshman dorm at Greenville University, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of St. Louis. WGN-TV reports that Gertler found that Dudley's excited barking when they played together was waking up students at night. Gertler says he noticed that Dudley didn't bark out loud during a game of fetch because he was winded from running back and forth. The 24-year-old says he slowly trained the dog to bark in a whisper. That means the pair can play in a much quieter way.

Dog pulls baby deer from water to save it from drowning

PORT JEFFERSON, N.Y. (AP)—A dog that saw a baby deer in danger of drowning in New York jumped in and dragged it to shore. The daring rescue in Long Island Sound was caught on video by his owner Mark Freeley. He tells WCBS-TV that he was taking the English golden retriever named Storm on a walk Sunday morning when Storm "just plunged into the water and started swimming out to the fawn, grabbed it by the neck, and started swimming to shore." Video shows Storm pushing the deer to shore, lying next to the fawn and nudging it with his nose. Freeley says animal rescuers soon arrived and the deer ran back into the water. They used a rope to pull the fawn back in. The fawn is recovering at an animal rescue center.

Cops: Customer threatened to shoot someone over bad sandwich

SOUTH EUCLID, Ohio (AP)—Police in suburban Cleveland say a fast-food restaurant customer angry about the way his sandwich tasted and looked threatened to shoot somebody over it. The South Euclid Police Department reported receiving a call Tuesday about a man storming into the Steak 'n Shake restaurant "acting crazy," saying he had a gun and was going to shoot someone. Police say the 20-year-old man complained that the egg on his sandwich was runny and slimy and looked like spit. He was in custody Wednesday pending a court appearance on an aggravated menacing charge. Police say he didn't have a gun. Police posted on the department Facebook page tips for better ways to deal with restaurant dissatisfaction. Police added in the post that they don't take special orders at "hotel SEPD."

Science & Technology

TECH Q&A

Deleting unwanted Android photos synced from Google app

By STEVE ALEXANDER
 STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: To free up storage space on my Android smartphone, I often go to the photo gallery and delete some pictures. But I can't seem to delete the 203 photos that were synced to my phone from Google's Picasa online photo app. How can I get rid of these photos?—John Knoderer, Manning, S.C.

A: The Picasa photos were automatically downloaded to your phone from Google Photos, the online successor of the Picasa app that Google discontinued last year. You can get rid of the photos by changing a few phone settings.

What's causing this problem? The default setting for your Android smartphone is to sync to the phone any pictures you have stored online in Google Photos. If you turn off this auto-sync feature, your phone won't receive any more of those pictures.

To turn off photo auto-sync, open your phone's "settings" app, and under "personal" choose "accounts," then "Google." You will be given a

choice to turn off syncing for specific apps; disable sync for "Google Photos" and, if present, "Picasa Web Albums."

Now you can delete the unwanted photos from your phone; note that copies of the deleted pictures will still exist online in Google Photos. To do that, go to "settings" again and choose "application manager" (on some Android phones, you must instead choose "application," then select either "manage" or "manage applications.") Choose the tab for "all," find the photo gallery app in the list and click it. Then click "clear data." The next time you open the photo gallery app, the unwanted photos should be gone.

Q: I got my 2010 HP desktop PC out of storage, but discovered that it will no longer work with the same monitor it always used. I get an error message that says "No VGA signal." The same monitor works fine with my laptop PC. What's wrong?—Barry Clark, Morgan City, La.

A: If the monitor works with your laptop PC, then the problem lies with the HP

desktop. "No VGA signal" means that the PC isn't getting a signal from the VGA, or "video graphics array," port where you plug in the monitor. That likely means the video circuit board connected to that port is loose or has quit working.

You can try to adjust the board in its socket by removing the PC's case. (First, ground yourself by touching a metal object; otherwise the static electricity on your body can damage the PC's components.) Locate the circuit board attached to the VGA port and remove it from the connector that links it to the PC's main circuit board. Then firmly plug in the circuit board again. If this works, your monitor will function with the desktop PC. If not, you'll need to buy a new video circuit board.

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Moving or sitting around, by nation

Physical inactivity is a global pandemic as deadly as the worst plague or flu outbreak. A massive new study reveals its scope — and points to ways of improving the world's health.



Life & Style

Apple founder Steve Jobs is the subject of a new opera

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)—It's 2007, and Steve Jobs has just finished launching the first iPhone before an enraptured audience when he nearly collapses, exhausted by the illness that will kill him four years later.

At this moment in Mason Bates' opera "The (R)evolution of Steve Jobs," a harrowing sound emerges from the orchestra pit, a crushing downward progression that's described in the score as an "electronic shutdown."

"It's a combination of a stand-alone synthesizer with the actual sound on the old Macs of hard drives turning off—and one in reverse booting up," Bates explained in an interview last week at the Santa Fe Opera, where his work will have its world premiere on Saturday.

"That moment is the realization of his mortality, so I wanted to have that kind of shutdown sound," Bates said. "Even if you can't recognize it, it adds a little authenticity that the guy who is the subject of this opera is the creator of some of the devices we're hearing."

Bates, 40, enjoys a growing reputation for orchestral scores that combine traditional instrumentation with electronics. Appropriately for

Maybe Michelangelo: Is living room painting a masterpiece?

TONAWANDA, N.Y. (AP)—Martin Kober is convinced the painting of a dying Jesus that hung above the mantel in his upstate New York childhood home is the work of Michelangelo. Getting experts to agree remains the \$300 million hurdle.

That's the potential value of the 19-by-25-inch (48-by-64-centimeter) work that Kober's family affectionately calls the "the Mike," a one-time living room fixture that occasionally got dinged by a thrown tennis ball and once fell from the wall while being dusted.

Kober has for the last 15 years taken his Michelangelo suspicions to the art world and gotten a mixed bag of scholarly opinions. For now, the circa 1545 family heirloom that was given to Kober's great-great-grandfather's sister-in-law by a German baroness remains in an out-of-state vault while he seeks the elusive validation.

"It's tormenting now," said Kober, a retired commercial pilot who grew up in the Rochester suburb of Greece. "I'm nobody, I'm not connected. I don't know if that's it."



This image released by the Santa Fe Opera shows Edward Parks as Steve Jobs in Santa Fe Opera's world premiere of Mason Bates and Mark Campbell's opera, "The (R)evolution of Steve Jobs," in Santa Fe, N.M.

the subject of the opera, he composes on two Apple computers, which he will "play" during performances to launch sounds and rhythms at just the right moment.

As an innovator in how music communicates, Bates said

he became fascinated by the idea of an opera about Jobs, "the man who changed the way we all communicate."

He approached librettist Mark Campbell and they agreed on a framework for the piece. In 18 scenes, the opera

and out of favor as opinions change over time.

Kober says the museums and experts that have resisted his painting have not examined the piece or fully considered the historical and scientific evidence, much of which is spelled out in a 2014 book, "The Ragusa Pieta: History and Restoration." The book documents the philanthropic Rome Foundation's cleaning and diagnostic analysis of the painting in Italy beginning in 2011, before it was displayed there as part of a Renaissance exhibition.

Wallace, an art history professor at Washington University in St. Louis who saw the painting before it was restored, hasn't ruled out that it is by Michelangelo. But he believes it was more likely painted by a longtime friend and contemporary of the artist, Marcello Venusti, with Michelangelo's blessing. In Renaissance times, Wallace said, the painting and others like it still would have been considered Michelangelo's because they were based on a Michelangelo drawing and done at his behest.

hopscoches back and forth through Jobs' adult life from 1973 to 2011, with a prologue and epilogue that bookend the story in 1965 in the garage of his boyhood home.

Campbell said he rejected the idea of a straight linear progression because "I wanted to place events the way the mind recalls them. We don't remember things chronologically, we connect them emotionally."

Moon dust heading to auction after galactic court battle

NEW YORK (AP)—A bag containing traces of moon dust is heading to auction—surrounded by some fallout from a galactic court battle.

The collection bag, used by astronaut Neil Armstrong during the first manned mission to the moon in 1969, will be featured Thursday at a Sotheby's auction in New York City of items related to space voyages. The pre-sale estimate is \$2 million to \$4 million.

The artifact from the Apollo 11 mission was misidentified and sold at an online government auction. NASA fought to get it back.

In December, a federal judge ruled that it legally belonged to a Chicago-area woman who bought it in 2015 for \$995.

Sotheby's declined to identify the seller. However, details of the 2015 purchase were made public during the court case.

Investigators unknowing-

He and Bates also agreed the opera would neither glorify nor vilify Jobs, a genius innovator but flawed human being who long refused to acknowledge a daughter born out of wedlock and drove his employees—and himself—ruthlessly.

The opera unfolds in a single act of about 90 minutes, in Campbell's words, "as quick and streamlined as the technology Jobs created." This sense

ly hit the moon mother lode in 2003 while searching the garage of a man later convicted of stealing and selling museum artifacts, including some that were on loan from NASA.

The 12-by-8½-inch (30-by-20-centimeter) bag was misidentified and sold at an online government auction.

Nancy Carlson, of Inverness, Illinois, got an ordinary-looking bag made of white Beta cloth and polyester with rubberized nylon and a brass zipper.

Carlson, a collector, knew the bag had been used in a space flight, but she didn't know which one. She sent it to NASA for testing, and the government agency, discovering its importance, fought to keep it.

The artifact "belongs to the American people," NASA said then.

U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Marten in Wichita,

of fleetness is reinforced by the production, directed by Kevin Newbury, which uses rectangular screens with projected images that move about the stage for seamless scene changes.

Bates makes extensive use of the synthesizers and other computer-generated effects for which he is known. But much of the score is richly melodic and relies on more-or-less traditional orchestration to accompany the singers.

"I've found in my symphonic music that electronics are a little bit like a pet snake," Bates said. "Treat them very carefully. Twenty-five percent of the power of electronics is the silence when you're not playing them. Because then when they come in, they're a new element."

Each character has a unique sound world. As Bates described it, there are "quicksilver electronics and acoustic guitar picking" for Jobs and "oceanic strings and grounded harmonies" for his wife, Laurene. Kobun, Jobs' Buddhist spiritual adviser, has "prayer bowls, gongs and chimes"; Steve Wozniak, Apple's co-founder, has "saxophones that associate him with a jazzy world"; and Jobs' girlfriend, Chrisann Brennan, is "our hummingbird with this glittering upper register."

"When people start interacting, those sound worlds collide and wash into each other," Bates said, "and that's when things get interesting."

Kansas said that while it shouldn't have gone up for auction, he didn't have the authority to reverse the sale. He ordered the government to return it.

The judge said the importance and desirability of the bag stemmed solely from the efforts of NASA employees whose "amazing technical achievements, skill and courage in landing astronauts on the moon and returning them safely have not been replicated in the almost half a century since the Apollo 11 landing."

When it comes to moon landings, Thursday's auction is far from the final frontier.

A group called For All Moonkind, Inc. mentioned the moon bag this week while campaigning for "measures to preserve and protect the six Apollo lunar landing sites."

It plans to take up the issue next month at the Starship Congress 2017 in California.

'Dunkirk,' 'Get Out' may give Oscars a crowd-pleasing punch

NEW YORK (AP)—The stranglehold that autumn prestige films have on Oscar season just might be wilting in the summer sun.

Christopher Nolan's World War II epic "Dunkirk" hits theaters Friday, but the overflowing reviews have already made it abundantly clear: It's a major Oscar contender and a best-picture front-runner—even in July.

And "Dunkirk," which analysts expect to debut this weekend with \$60 million-plus in domestic ticket sales, might not be the only box-office hit to crash this year's awards season. The zeitgeist-grabbing sensations "Get Out" and "Wonder Woman" could also be players come Academy Awards time.

It is, of course, exceptionally early to handicap the Oscars. And it's far from uncommon for early breakouts to recede once the fall film festivals start firing out heavily anticipated releases from Hollywood's most acclaimed directors. Steven Spielberg, Paul Thomas Anderson and Alexander Payne are just some of those waiting in the wings this year.

But any influx from the rest of the calendar year would be a welcome change of pace for an awards season that has in recent years only further solidified as a predominantly September-December affair. Last year, August's "Hell or High Water" was the earliest best-picture nominee.

Aside from spreading out what are potentially some of



This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows a scene from "Dunkirk."

the year's best movies, any awards love for the likes of "Dunkirk," "Get Out" or "Wonder Woman" would give the Oscars something it has often lacked in recent years: major release crowd-pleasers.

"It's not really a factor for us, the awards thing," says Emma Thomas, producer of "Dunkirk." "This film we primarily thought of as an entertainment. For us, we make films for audiences. My feeling is always: If your film works and people engage with it, anything that comes later is a huge bonus."

"Dunkirk" may bear the look and seriousness of an Oscar season film, right down to the wool coats. But shot in 70mm IMAX, it also has much of the visceral spectacle of a summer movie. Thomas and Nolan have also previously had success July. It's

when they released "Inception" (which earned eight Oscar nods and won four awards) and "The Dark Knight." The Oscar oversight of the latter, released in 2008, was seen as a major motivation for the expansion of the best-picture category the next year from five nominees to up to 10.

"We've had very good luck in July in the past and we like this date. It's an accessible movie," said Thomas. "When you put movies at the end of the year, you're sort of saying something about it. You're almost limiting it, in a way, and we don't want to limit the film."

The Oscars haven't been without crowd-pleasers. "La La Land" made more than \$440 million globally. "Hidden Figures" charmed North American audiences to \$230 million. The year before, the

May-released "Mad Max: Fury Road" crashed the Academy Awards with 10 nominations and six wins.

"Dunkirk" may be a similar force in craft categories. Its ensemble nature may leave less room for acting attention, though recent Oscar-winner Mark Rylance is a standout. More notably, Nolan seems likely to finally land his—some would say overdue—first directing nomination. He has already earned the praise of fellow filmmakers like Rian Johnson (who called the film "an all timer") and Jon Favreau ("believe the hype").

Other summer movies might also shake up the Oscars. The acclaimed romantic comedy "The Big Sick" has the backing of Amazon, which last year similarly acquired "Manchester by the Sea" at Sundance and made it an Os-

car heavyweight. "The War for the Planet of the Apes" even has some buzz, including pleas for considering Andy Serkis' motion-capture performance as the ape Caesar. Such an honor, while unlikely, would be a game-changer in an increasingly digitized movie world.

Jordan Peele's horror sensation "Get Out" (\$252 million worldwide after opening in late February) could well be the first horror film nominated for best picture since 1991's "The Silence of the Lambs." At the least, Peele should be a likely nominee for best screenplay.

Patty Jenkins' "Wonder Woman" has been an even bigger box-office dynamo and earned nearly as good re-

views as "Get Out." Whereas Peele's film was received as landmark film for its fusion of genre with a satirical critique of race in America, "Wonder Woman" set a new record for top-grossing film by a female director. Jenkins and star Gal Gadot could well be in the hunt. The unlikely awards run last season of "Deadpool" suggested voters may be open to awarding a superhero film.

A campaign for Jenkins, who helmed the Oscar-winning "Monster," would be closely watched since only four women have ever been nominated for best director. Kathryn Bigelow, the sole winner of the four, also has a film upcoming: her ambitious Detroit riots drama "Detroit," out Aug. 4.

Usually, a highly relevant, socially conscious film from one of Hollywood's most celebrated filmmakers would be plunged right into awards season. But the calculus was different for "Detroit," which was deliberately timed to the 50th anniversary of the riots. And she, like many others, doesn't love the increased emphasis on Oscar season.

"It's not why we make these films," said Bigelow. "The motivation behind the release has to do with the 50-year anniversary," she said. "I think it's important to honor that and the resiliency of the city of Detroit. Whatever happens along any other lines, I have no idea."

From sports star to inmate: OJ Simpson to plead for parole

LOVELOCK, Nev. (AP)—O.J. Simpson once thrilled crowds as he ran for touchdowns and hurdled airport seats in car rental ads to achieve Hollywood celebrity before he was acquitted of murder in the 1995 "trial of the century" in Los Angeles.

Now, an aging Simpson will appear as inmate No. 1027820 in a starkly plain hearing room in a remote Nevada prison Thursday to plead for his freedom. He's spent more than eight years behind bars for armed robbery and assault with a weapon after trying to take back sports memorabilia in a budget hotel room in Las Vegas.

Simpson, 70, will ask four parole board members who sided with him once before to

release him in October, a likely possibility with his clean prison record.

It will be a stunning scene for a charismatic star once known as "The Juice" who won the Heisman Trophy as the best U.S. college football player in 1968 and was enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1985.

He appeared to have it all.

He went on to star in Hertz commercials and movies like the "Naked Gun" comedies and serve as a commentator for "Monday Night Football" before his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman

were slain in 1994.

Simpson is expected to reiterate that he has kept a promise to stay out of trouble, coaches in the prison gym where he works and counsels other inmates.

"I guess, my age, guys come to me," Simpson told parole officials four years ago.

The same commissioners granted him parole on some of his 12 charges in 2013, leaving him with four years to serve before reaching his minimum term.

At Simpson's side in his bid for freedom will be lawyer Malcolm LaVergne, close friend Tom Scotto, sister Shirley Baker and daughter Ar-

nelle Simpson.

O.J. Simpson is expected to explain what he would do and where he would live if he is granted parole after reaching the nine-year minimum of his 33-year sentence.

He was convicted in 2008 after enlisting some men he barely knew, including two with guns, to retrieve from two sports collectibles sellers some items that Simpson said were stolen from him a decade earlier.

"My crime was trying to retrieve for my family my own property," Simpson told the parole officials in 2013 before apologizing.

"Make no mistake, I would give it all back," he said, "to get these last five years back."

'Despacito' sets record for most streamed song of all time

SANTA MONICA, California (AP)—"Despacito" has become the most streamed track of all time with more than 4.6 billion plays across streaming platforms.

Universal Music Latin En-

tertainment announced Tuesday the song by Puerto Rican artists Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee and the accompanying remix featuring pop star Justin Bieber had surpassed the previous record holder—Bieber's

2015 hit song "Sorry," which has 4.38 billion plays. "Despacito," which was released in January, has been at the top of Billboard Hot 100 for weeks.

Fonsi said in a statement that streaming has helped his

music reach every corner of the planet.

Daddy Yankee recently ousted Ed Sheeran this year to become the first Latino artist to lead in Spotify streams, thanks in part to "Despacito's" success.

Rey finally gets place in Star Wars Monopoly sets sold in US

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—Hasbro is now offering a "Star Wars" Monopoly set for sale in the U.S. that includes the female character Rey after an uproar that started 18 months ago with an online plea by an 8-year-old girl to include her.

The company began selling the set on its website a few days after The Associated Press reported Rey fans were still waiting to buy Monopoly sets that included the main character of "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," after Hasbro promised in January 2016 to sell one.

The Pawtucket-based game maker had been selling a version of the game that had only male characters, prompting 8-year-old Annie Rose Goldman, of Evanston, Illinois, to write a letter in January 2016 telling the company "girls matter." The letter went viral, and Hasbro promised to make what it called "a running change" to include Rey in sets it said would be available later in the year.

Hasbro told the AP last week that while it made such sets, there was "insufficient

interest" among American retailers, so they were never sold in the U.S. It said some retailers sold the sets overseas. Customers who bought the set and wanted a Rey token would have to call the company and have one shipped.

The story revived the #WheresRey hashtag on social media and prompted a tweet from "The Force Awakens" director J.J. Abrams' production company, Bad Robot: "For those 'sufficiently interested' contact Hasbro customer service to get your Rey Monopoly token!"

A spokeswoman for Hasbro did not answer when asked how many people called to request a token.

The listing on Hasbro's website says the game will be available on July 25. Earlier this week, the site placed a limit of one set per household, but that line was removed after the AP asked about it.

The company says it has many other products that include Rey, and it plans to reveal more this week at San Diego Comic-Con.

2 new Harry Potter books set to be published in October

LONDON (AP)—Two new books from the Harry Potter universe are set to be released as part of a British exhibition that celebrates the 20th anniversary of the launch of the series.

The British Library's Harry Potter exhibition, "A History of Magic," opens in October and runs through February 2018. In an earnings statement released Tuesday, British publishing house Bloomsbury revealed that two new Potter

books will be released in conjunction with the event.

"Harry Potter: A History of Magic—The Book of the Exhibition" promises to take

readers through subjects studied at Potter's wizarding school, Hogwarts. "Harry Potter—A Journey Through A History of Magic" will touch

on mystical things such as alchemy, unicorns and ancient witchcraft.

Both books will be published in October.

Here are some of TV's highest-paid stars

Here are some of the world's top-earning TV entertainers in 2017, according to Forbes magazine. The annual earnings of these stars may include income from additional activities such as producing, non-TV performances, endorsements and merchandising.

1. Dr. Phil McGraw, \$79 million (talk-show host, personality, producer).

2. Ellen DeGeneres, \$77 million (talk-show host, personality, producer).

3. Jerry Seinfeld, \$69 million (comedian, sitcom star).

4. Gordon Ramsay, \$60 million (personality, celebrity chef).

5. Ryan Seacrest, \$58 million (personality, radio host, producer).

6. Louis C.K., \$52 million (sitcom star, comedian, producer).

7. Judy Sheindlin, \$47 million (courtroom-show host, personality).

8. Kim Kardashian West,

\$45.5 million (reality show star, personality).

9. Simon Cowell, \$43.5 million (TV personality, producer).

10. Steve Harvey, \$42.5 million (TV host, comedian). (AP)

This combination photo shows TV personalities, top row from left, Dr. Phil McGraw, Ellen DeGeneres, Jerry Seinfeld, Gordon Ramsay, Ryan Seacrest and bottom row from left, Louis C.K., Judy Sheindlin, Kim Kardashian West, Simon Cowell and Steve Harvey, who are among some of the world's top-earning TV entertainers in 2017, according to Forbes magazine.



SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Spanish police recovers 3 stolen Francis Bacon works

MADRID (AP) — Spain's National Police says agents have recovered three of five prized paintings by the artist Francis Bacon that were stolen from a Madrid apartment in July 2015. The market value of the five artworks was estimated to be above 25 million euros (\$27.8 million). Police arrested seven suspects linked to the theft last year and three more in January this year. No details were available immediately, a police spokeswoman said Wednesday. The paintings were part of a collection owned by a close friend of Bacon in central Madrid, according to earlier reports. The figurative Irish-born artist spent time studying old master paintings in the Spanish capital's Prado Museum. He died in the city in 1992 at age 82.

Fans flood San Diego Comic-Con at Wednesday's preview night

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The San Diego Convention Center was packed with people as soon as it opened its doors for Comic-Con. Fans with four-day passes to the annual pop-culture con-

vention were treated to a preview of the showroom floor Wednesday night: 460,000 square feet of TV, film and video game displays, along with toys, art and comic books for sale. Panels, presentations, screenings and celebrity appearances begin Thursday and continue through Sunday. Besides being packed with thousands of fans, Comic-Con's showroom floor was alight with flashing screens and giant character displays touting the latest shows, movies, games and toys.

Rosie O'Donnell draws criticism over online anti-Trump game

Rosie O'Donnell is in a new feud with President Donald Trump's supporters after promoting an online game that lets players lead Trump off a cliff. Several conservative blogs have called attention to O'Donnell tweeting a link to pushtrumpoffacliffagain.com during the weekend. A post on Fox News Channel host Sean Hannity's website calls the game "sick" and "gross." Young Conservatives suggests the game encourages violence against the president.

O'Donnell and Trump have traded barbs for years after O'Donnell publicly criticized Trump on "The View" in 2006. Trump has made her a frequent target on Twitter, calling her a loser, a bully and mentally sick over the years. The comedian's Twitter account has focused negatively on Trump lately. She tweeted "u r going 2 jail" to Trump's account Tuesday. (PR)

Forest Whitaker guest-stars in a multi-episode 'Empire' arc

NEW YORK (AP)—The Fox network says Oscar-winning actor Forest Whitaker will guest-star in a multi-episode arc on "Empire" this fall. Whitaker will play "Uncle Eddie," a charismatic music mogul who long ago gave an unknown Lucious Lyon (series star Terrence Howard) his first radio airplay. Now, decades later, Eddie steps up for Lucious at a critical moment during his rehabilitation. A grateful Cookie (Taraji P. Henson) invites Eddie to produce a song in celebration of Empire Entertainment's 20th anniversary. Whitaker's film credits include last year's

"Arrival," "Lee Daniels' The Butler" and "The Last King of Scotland," for which he won the Oscar for best actor as well as a Golden Globe award. "Empire" returns for its new season Sept. 27.

Fleetwood Mac to earn MusiCares Person of the Year

NEW YORK (AP)—Fleetwood Mac will be named the 2018 MusiCares Person of the Year, becoming the first group to receive the honor. The Recording Academy announced Wednesday that the 28th annual benefit gala will take place at Radio City Music Hall in New York on Jan. 26, 2018, two days before the 2018 Grammy Awards. The organization said they are honoring the iconic group for "their significant creative accomplishments and their longtime support of a number of charitable causes." Mick Fleetwood, who called the award "tremendous" in a statement, will receive the honor along with Stevie Nicks, Lindsey Buckingham, Christine McVie and John McVie. Past honorees include Bob Dylan, Aretha Franklin, Quincy

Jones, Stevie Wonder and Barbra Streisand. The MusiCares Foundation offers health and human services and programs to members of the music community.

Hawaii Five-O' signs 3 new stars in wake of cast departures

NEW YORK (AP)—CBS says Ian Anthony Dale, Meaghan Rath and Beulah Koale are set to join the cast of "Hawaii Five-O" with its eighth season. Wednesday's announcement followed the recent departures of original cast members Daniel Dae Kim and Grace Park, who exited the police drama after contract disputes. Dale has had a recurring role on "Hawaii Five-O" as Adam Noshimuri since season two. This summer, he is starring in CBS' suspense thriller "Salvation." Rath starred in the series "Being Human" and "Cooper Barrett's Guide to Surviving Life." Koale appears in the forthcoming feature "Thank You for Your Service." Continuing "Hawaii Five-O" cast members include Alex O'Loughlin, Scott Caan, Chi McBride and Jorge Garcia. The new season begins Sept. 29.

Wife with sketchy memory depends on husband for help

DEAR ABBY: When my wife was 17 (she's now 54), she was in a car accident. She and her three friends were high and drunk. She suffered two skull fractures, which have affected her memory. She thinks it's my job to remind her of things and becomes angry to the point of hitting things when I don't do it. I feel her schedule is her responsibility. But when I tell her that, she claims I am not being "supportive."

UNSURE IN THE SOUTH

DEAR UNSURE: In successful marriages the division of labor is usually "each according to his ability, each according to his need." Your wife's schedule should be her responsibility, and if your wife were irresponsible, I'd agree with you. However, because she suffered a traumatic brain injury, she may be UNABLE to be as organized as you are and NEED your help. That said, "hitting things" when she becomes frustrated is not appropriate, and she needs to find a less threatening and destructive way of venting.

DEAR ABBY: Because our country's marriage laws recently changed, my partner and I have decided, after 16 years to-

gether, to be married. If something unfortunate were to happen to one of us a few years down the road, what's the proper way to acknowledge our marriage in an obituary?

Technically, we could say, "He is survived by his husband of two years," but that would discount the 16 years we were together and would have been married had the laws permitted it. But saying that he is survived by his husband of 18 years seems misleading as well. How can our many years together be honored without being misrepresented?

OBITUARY ETIQUETTE

DEAR OBITUARY ETIQUETTE: How about this: He is survived by his husband and partner of 18 years.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with my family that's driving me crazy. They are Facebook snobs. I prefer not to join Facebook for personal reasons, and because I haven't, they don't keep me up to date regarding special events such as births, family picnics, etc. They each expect the other ones to notify me, and no matter how often I ask, they'll say, "Oh, 'So-and-So' was supposed to let you know." It's not like I am estranged from any of them; it's just that they keep insisting I should join

DEAR ABBY

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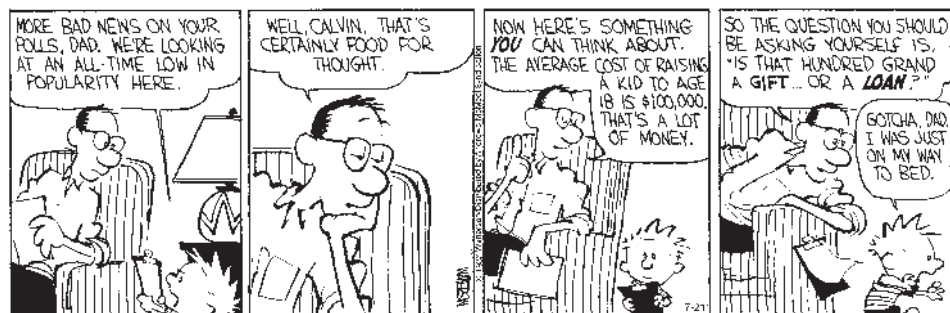
DEAR NO SOCIAL MEDIA: There are other ways to communicate online than Facebook. Are you on the internet at all? If you are, you could be notified of events through group email, group chat or group texting. I don't think it's fair to expect your relatives to make a special effort to keep you in the loop.

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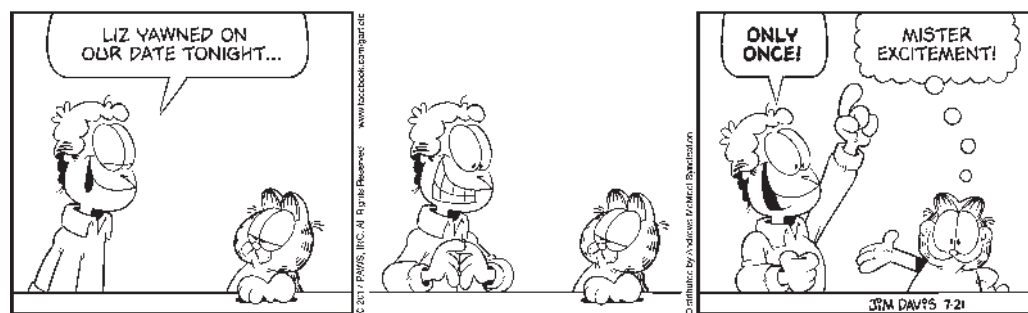
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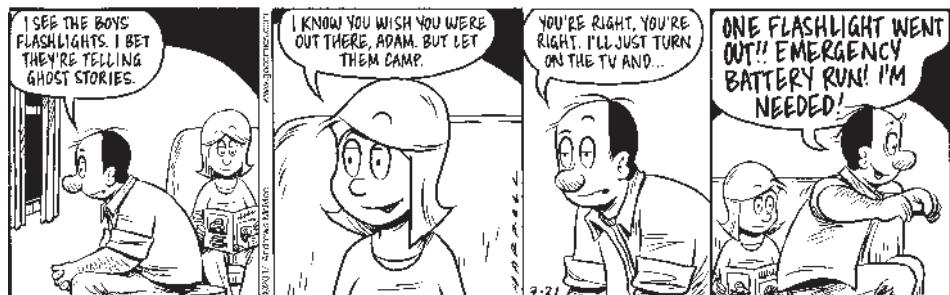
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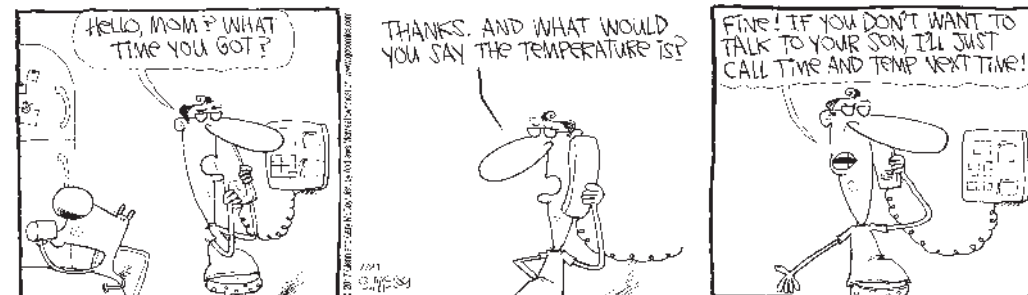
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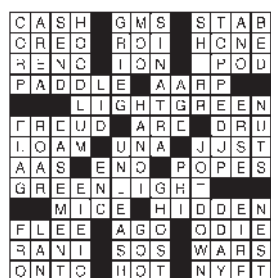


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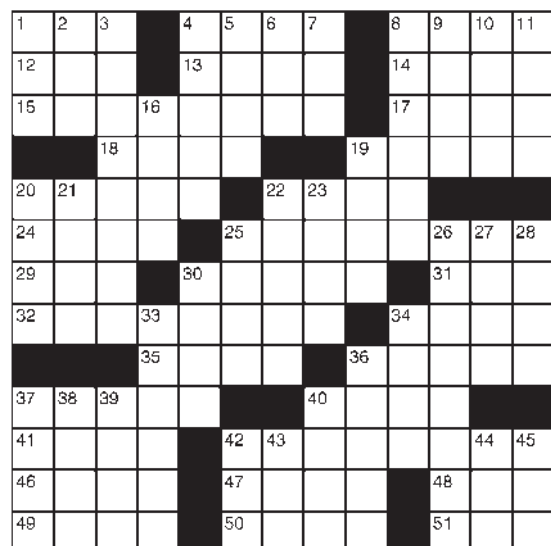
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): A trip or attending a retreat will help you discover things about yourself that will encourage you to use your skills, knowledge and experience more efficiently. Better life choices will pay off. Romance is encouraged. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Contracts, settlements and receiving something you didn't expect will make your day. Don't get caught in an easy come, easy go predicament. It's nice to receive something extra, but that doesn't mean you have to spend frivolously. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your ability to multitask and use technology to help you get what you want will pay off. Host an event, enjoy and benefit from talks with people who can help you bring about positive change. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A little bit will go a long way. Maintain your equilibrium no matter what unfolds. Knowing your limits and taking care of your responsi-

bilities will help you achieve your goals without forcing you to give up too much. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Taking on too much will be a remedy for disaster. Gauge your time wisely and don't let your generosity get the better of you. It's important to maintain peace and equilibrium if you want to finish on time and within budget. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let your creative imagination take over and follow through with a practical plan and plenty of time to finish what you start. Engage in activities that motivate you to use your talents in interesting new ways. Keep personal information a secret. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't be too quick to judge others. Emotional situations can make those around you act differently. Be willing to wait and see how to best move forward. A positive change in the way you look, feel and act will attract romance. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make changes to the way you handle your personal finances as well as your domestic life. Look for an unusual way to live cheaply and efficiently, and you will avoid being stressed out every month trying to pay your bills. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be faced with a dilemma when dealing with a partner or someone you are emotionally attached to. Try not to overreact. Get the facts and consider all your options. Be smart when it comes to legal, financial and health matters. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotions will rise to the surface if you have been given the wrong impression regarding how someone feels about you or what he or she wants. Avoid disappointment by asking questions and finding out exactly where you stand. ***



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't overspend on something that someone is trying to convince you to purchase. Hang on to your cash and don't get involved in anything that appears to be excessive or financially indulgent. ***



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do something that allows you to use your creative imagination. Take a course or socialize with people who have something unique to offer. Being around doers instead of procrastinators will help you get your plans up and running. *****

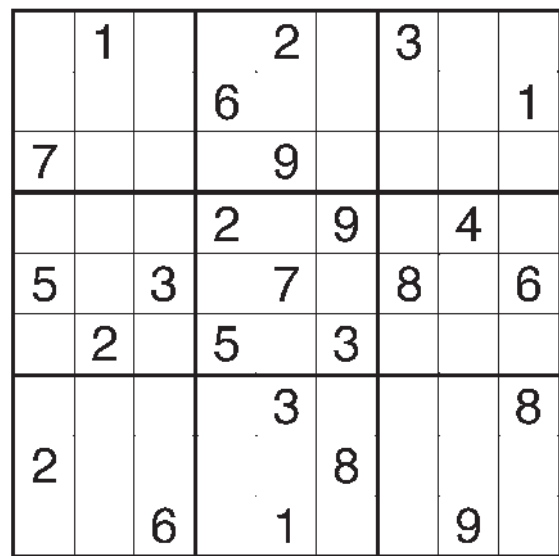
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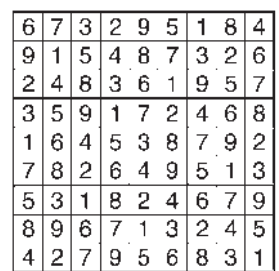
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By DAVID OUELLET

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AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY
- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Adoption of Agenda
- d. Adoption of Minutes
- 1) July 10, 2014
- 2) June 29, 2017 (with continuation on July 3, 2017)
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹
- III. REPORTS
- a. Chair's Report
- b. Executive Director's Report
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Fiscal Year 2018 TCGCC Budget
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION²
- VII. LICENSING MATTERS
- a. Casino Key Employee License – ED2017-01(e)
Adrian Patrick Halpenny, President
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- VIII. MISCELLANEOUS/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

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Federer tells AP he 'can't think too far ahead' nowadays

LONDON (AP)—Roger Federer has learned not to take anything for granted.

That's why he said what he did during the trophy presentation after his record-breaking eighth Wimbledon championship: "I hope this wasn't my last match. And I hope I can come back next year and try to defend the title."

Some wondered whether that meant Federer was considering retirement.

Hardly. What he meant, Federer explained Monday, was simply: "I can't think too far ahead."

"I didn't think about what I was going to say. It just came out that way, to show the people that, yes, of course I hope to defend my title and, of course, I wish to be back here next year. But we just don't know if it's really going to actually happen," he said in an interview with The Associated Press at the All England Club the morning after beating Marin Cilic 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 in the final. "We have to wait and see."

He didn't always take that approach, back when he was in his 20s and reached a record 10 Grand Slam finals in a row.

Things are different these days.

"At 25, when you win, you're like, 'All right, I'll see you next year!' because it's normal. You're going to be playing, for sure. The body's going to be fine, most likely. And if not next year, well, then the year after that, you know?" Federer said as he walked through the hallways of Centre Court in gray pants and a white zippered warmup jacket. "But I can't really think two years ahead now. Let's be honest."

First of all, there's the no-way-around-it matter of his age: Federer turns 36 on Aug. 8; he is the oldest man to win Wimbledon in the Open era, which began in 1968.

And then there's what happened about 18 months ago: A father of four, he was preparing a bath for his twin daughters when he turned and felt a "click" in his left knee. In February 2016, he had the first operation of his career, arthroscopic surgery to repair torn cartilage.

Federer returned to the tour that March, then missed the French Open because of lingering back problems, ending his record streak of 65 consecutive Grand Slam tournament appearances. After a semifinal loss at Wimbledon a year ago, he took the rest of the season off to let his body heal, missing the U.S. Open, Rio Olympics and every other event.

"I've seen how quickly things can change," Federer said. "Filling a bathtub for my girls changed the whole



Switzerland's Roger Federer celebrates with the trophy after beating Croatia's Marin Cilic in the Men's Singles final match on day thirteen at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London Sunday, July 16, 2017.

next 1½ years of my tennis life, really."

These past six months turned out OK, though.

Federer is 31-2 with a tour-leading five titles in 2017. That includes his 18th Grand Slam trophy at the Australian Open—ending a 4½-

year drought without a major title—followed by his 19th at Wimbledon, where he became the first man since Bjorn Borg in 1976 to win the tournament without dropping a set.

"Everything he does is exceptional," said Jonas Bjorkman, Cilic's coach. "Obviously,

he's unique in many ways."

Federer himself is surprised at how well this year has gone so far.

He says he certainly didn't expect to win both majors he's entered (he sat out the French Open again, using another break during the clay-

court circuit to recharge before the brief grass portion of the season).

Now he moves on to the hard courts, including the U.S. Open, which starts Aug. 28.

"I have a hard time thinking I could win three Slams in one year. It just sounds totally sur-

real to me," said Federer, who did collect trios of major titles in 2004, 2006 and 2007. "But I'll prepare myself the best way possible, so that I will have the best chance to really excel there in New York."

His voice sounded deeper than usual, a bit of after-effect from celebrations into the wee hours that included the Wimbledon champions' dinner and drinks with a group of more than 30 friends at a bar. Federer said he didn't get to sleep until 5 a.m.

Here he was, about 6½ hours later, returning to the arena to pose for group photos with 200 members of the tournament's staff—ground-keepers and others who sat in a corner of the stands while he took a spot on a courtside ledge, Wimbledon's gold trophy beside him.

"Everybody say, 'Swiss cheese!'" Federer said, drawing laughter.

Then he posed on the court for a few last pictures, steps from a small green sign with white letters instructing, "Keep off the grass."

So, yes, expect him back on that turf in 2018. Just remember not to take his excellence for granted. He won't.

Federer up to ATP No. 3 after Wimbledon; Muguruza WTA No. 5

LONDON (AP)—Roger Federer's eighth Wimbledon title pushed him back up to No. 3 in the ATP rankings on Monday after he ended last season at No. 16.

And, because he sat out the last half of 2016, his points will only continue to accumulate, making a return to No. 1 a real possibility.

"I'm playing for titles at this stage of my career. Rankings, not so much, unless I'm as close as I am right now," said the 35-year-old Federer, who also clinched a berth in the season-ending ATP Finals, held in London on Nov. 12-19. So I just have to check the situation, if it's worth it to run after it or not."

Garbine Muguruza's first championship at the All England Club returned her to the WTA's top 10 at No. 5, a rise

of 10 spots, while runner-up Venus Williams goes from No. 11 to No. 9.

Karolina Pliskova became the 23rd woman to be ranked No. 1, a debut for her that was guaranteed last week, based on results at Wimbledon. She had been No. 3, and swaps positions with former No. 1 Angelique Kerber.

Serena Williams has not competed since January because she is pregnant. By losing rankings points she earned last year, including a title at Wimbledon and runner-up finish at the French Open, she went from No. 4 to No. 15 on Monday - leaving her out of the top 10 for the first time since April 1, 2012.

The rankings count points from the preceding 52 weeks, which is why Pliskova is able

to take over at No. 1 despite losing in the second round at the All England Club.

Pliskova, a 25-year-old from the Czech Republic, has never won a Grand Slam title - she's not the first player to top the rankings without that achievement on her resume - although she was the runner-up to Kerber at last year's U.S. Open and a semifinalist at Roland Garros last month.

Kerber lost in the first round at the French Open, then the fourth round of Wimbledon.

Simona Halep had a chance to be No. 1 this week but lost to Johanna Konta in the Wimbledon quarterfinals. So Halep continues at No. 2, with Konta going from No. 7 to No. 4.

Federer's placement is his highest since he was No. 3 in August 2016, at the start of his

half-year hiatus from the tour.

He has spent a total of 302 weeks as the ATP's No. 1 player in his career, a record.

One of Federer's coaches, Severin Luthi, was asked about aiming to return to the top spot.

"If it comes, for sure, it's amazing," Luthi said. "But for him, (winning majors is) more important."

Andy Murray held onto No. 1 despite losing in the quarterfinals of his title defense at the All England Club, ahead of No. 2 Rafael Nadal, who lost in the fourth round of Wimbledon after winning the French Open.

Novak Djokovic remained at No. 4, while Stan Wawrinka dropped two spots to No. 5 after a first-round exit.

Wimbledon runner-up Marin Cilic stayed at No. 6.

Arenado hits 3 homers, powers Rockies past Padres, 18-4



DENVER
(AP)—No-

lan Arenado lined three homers as part of his five-hit afternoon and tied a career-high with seven RBIs, helping the Colorado Rockies complete a three-game sweep of the San Diego Padres with an 18-4 victory Wednesday.

Trevor Story and Charlie Blackmon also homered on a scorching day when the Rockies had a season-high 21 hits. Gerardo Parra ran his streak of reaching base to 10 straight plate appearances over three games before flying out in the fifth. He finished with four singles.

Arenado had a pair of RBI singles to start the game, followed by solo shots in the fourth and fifth innings, and a three-run homer in the sixth. He had a chance at a fourth homer in the eighth and lined out to left.

Jon Gray (3-1) kept the Padres in check until running out of steam. The right-hander allowed all four of his runs in the sixth—his last inning of work.

Padres starter Clayton Richard (5-10) lasted just 3 2/3 innings and gave up 11 runs, 10 earned, inflating his ERA from 4.75 to 5.35. He also matched a team record by allowing 14 hits.

Dodgers 9, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Kike Hernandez had two home runs to lead surging Los Angeles in a rain-shortened game, spoiling the Chicago debut of top prospect Yoan Moncada.

Hernandez broke out of a 1-for-23 slump with home runs in his first two at-bats, lifting the Dodgers to their 11th straight win and 31st victory in 35 games.

The game was called in the top of the eighth inning after a 37-minute delay.

Hernandez had solo home runs in the second and fourth

innings, his second career multihomer game.

Angels 7, Nationals 0

In Anaheim, California, Alex Meyer allowed only one hit in seven innings, and Mike Trout and C.J. Cron hit two-run homers to lead Los Angeles to a victory that snapped the Washington Nationals' six-game winning streak.

The 6-foot-9 Meyer (4-5) had a perfect game until he walked Anthony Rendon with two outs in the fifth. He lost his no-hitter with two outs in the sixth when Brian Goodwin doubled down the right-field line.

Meyer, Rendon and Goodwin were all first-round draft picks by the Nationals in 2011.

Cubs 8, Braves 2

In Atlanta, Mike Montgomery hit his first home run and allowed two hits and one run in six innings to lead streaking Chicago over Atlanta.

Javier Baez hit a three-run homer in the eighth for Chicago, which stretched its season-best winning streak to six games since the All-Star break. The Cubs completed a three-game sweep of the Braves.

Kris Bryant, the Cubs' 2016 NL MVP, left the game with a sprained left little finger in the first inning. The team said X-rays were negative and his status is day to day.

Pirates 3, Brewers 2, 10 innings

In Pittsburgh, Max Moroff got his first career game-ending hit with a single in the 10th inning, lifting Pittsburgh over Milwaukee.

Moroff raised his right arm and ran to first base while his seventh big league hit scored Josh Harrison. Teammate Gregory Polanco hoisted the rookie into the air as the Pirates celebrated in the infield.

Harrison reached on a dou-

ble against former Pirates reliever Jared Hughes (3-2), who got his first loss since April 18.

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 1

In Boston, Dustin Pedroia drove in three, Drew Pomeranz pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning and Boston beat Toronto. Pomeranz (10-4) allowed an unearned run over 6 2/3 innings to win his fourth straight decision.

Pedroia and Deven Marrero each had two-run singles with two outs in the second inning to provide all the offense the Red Sox needed. Pedroia has six RBIs in the series, which concludes Thursday.

Giants 5, Indians 4

In San Francisco, Buster Posey pinch hit a two-out, two-run double in the bottom of the eighth inning and San Francisco defeated Cleveland.

Posey, on a scheduled rest day, doubled off the wall on a 3-2 slider on the seventh offering from Indians reliever Bryan Shaw (2-4).

The Indians lost for the sixth time in seven games as they concluded a 1-5 West Coast trip. The American League Central front-runners fell to 4-13 in interleague and are winless in six interleague series.

Twins 6, Yankees 1

In Minneapolis, Miguel Sano hit a three-run home run, Jose Berrios went strong into the seventh inning and Minnesota beat New York to win its first home series against the Yankees in nine years.

Berrios (9-3) allowed only one run, his fewest in 11 starts, on a two-out single by Brett Gardner in the seventh before being removed.

Berrios improved to 6-0 in seven afternoon turns this season and helped drop the Yankees to 0-8-2 in their past 10 series.

Phillies 10, Marlins 3

In Miami, Daniel Nava tied a career high with four hits and Philadelphia had a season-best 20 hits to beat Miami and win a road series for only the third time this season.

Nava singled in each of his first four at-bats, drove in two runs and increased his average to .300. The Phillies completed a 3-3 trip but still have the worst record in the majors.

Reds 4, Diamondbacks 3, 11 innings

In Cincinnati, J.D. Martinez bruised his left hand, forcing him out of his debut with Arizona, and Cincinnati ended its five-game losing streak with a victory by Adam Duvall's bases-loaded single in the 11th inning.

The Reds had lost all five games since the All-Star break, including Arizona's 11-2 victory on Tuesday night that featured nine extra-base hits by the Diamondbacks. The Reds broke their slump by rallying off T.J. McFarland (4-2) to snap a 3-3 tie.

Mariners 4, Astros 1

In Houston, James Paxton had another strong start against Houston and rookie Ben Gamel powered the offense with a two-run homer to give Seattle a win over the Astros.

Paxton (9-3) allowed six hits and one run in seven innings, after not allowing a run in his previous two starts against Houston this season. It's the fourth straight win for Paxton, who struck out seven.

Houston starter Charlie Morton (7-4) retired the first nine batters and the Astros led 1-0 before Jean Segura led off the fourth with a single. Gamel's first homer since June 23 came next to put Seattle up 2-1.

Orioles 10, Rangers 2

In Baltimore, Kevin Gausman

pitched six innings of four-hit ball, Adam Jones homered and scored three runs and Baltimore beat faltering Texas.

Trey Mancini contributed two hits in a seven-run seventh inning, including a bases-loaded triple, and Jonathan Schoop finished with three hits and three RBIs.

Having thus far outscored Texas 25-4 in the series, the Orioles will attempt to complete a four-game sweep on Thursday.

Gausman (6-7) gave up one run, struck out eight and walked two. The right-hander came in with a 6.39 ERA and had allowed a total of 14 runs in his past two starts.

Martin Perez (5-7) allowed five runs, four earned, and seven hits in six innings.

Athletics 7, Rays 2

In Oakland, California, Sonny Gray struck out six pitching into the seventh in what might have been his final home start in Oakland if the club tries to deal him before the trade deadline, and the Athletics rallied in the fifth inning to beat Tampa Bay.

Matt Joyce hit a towering homer to the right-field seats in the eighth for Oakland.

Gray (6-4) won his third straight start and fourth in five. When speculation arose from the White Sox side before his Friday outing that the right-hander had been scratched because of a possible deal, the A's quickly announced that he was indeed taking the mound for his scheduled outing.

Oakland got to Tampa Bay right-hander Jake Faria (4-1) in the fifth. With seven straight quality starts to begin his career, Faria took his first big league loss.

Royals 4, Tigers 3

In Kansas City, Missouri, Brandon Moss doubled off the

wall in the ninth to score the tying run, and Alex Gordon drove him home with a sacrifice fly to bail out closer Kelvin Herrera and give Kansas City a victory over Detroit.

Moss homered in the third inning before coming through against Tigers closer Justin Wilson (3-4) in the ninth—shortly after Mookie Betts' two-run shot off Herrera had given Detroit the lead.

Moss went to third on the throw to the plate, and Gordon sent a fly ball to center that was just deep enough to give him his sixth career walk-off RBI and the Royals a much-needed win.

Kevin McCarthy (1-0) got the win.

Mets 7, Cardinals 3

In New York, Jacob deGrom pitched into the seventh inning and won his career-best seventh straight start and New York beat St. Louis.

New York jumped on Mike Leake (6-8) for seven runs in the first two innings and cruised from there behind deGrom (11-3) to snap a three-game losing streak.

The Mets sent eight batters to the plate in the first inning and strung together three straight run-scoring hits with two outs, capped by Wilmer Flores' RBI single.

New York added four more runs off Leake in the second, only one of them earned. Third baseman Jedd Gyorko's throw sailed into right field on what could have been a double play grounder by Asdrubal Cabrera. Jay Bruce followed with an RBI single and Yoenis Cespedes doubled to right to make it 5-0.

Jose Reyes drove in two more runs with a single to center, and Leake, who came in with the sixth-best ERA in the National League, was pulled after two innings.



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Warriors, 11-

6, to remain on top of the A Division in SEDA's Bud Light League 2017 held in various establishments on the island this week.

The triumvirate of Boom Cruz, June Nunez, and Carter Calma led Ridin' Darry's victory as they compiled six of their team's wins against the lowly Warriors.

Ridin' Darry improved to 150-88, up by 14 wins over the second-running 6JMS Mafia 1's 136-102 record followed by two other 6JMS-sponsored squads, Dragon Masters (132-106) and the 101 Proofers (130-108).

The Mechanik's of 9 Eleven is in fifth place (118-120), while 6JMS Predators are in

Ridin' Darry leads SEDA's A Division



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Members of Oleai Nakayoshi and Chow Time Calamity Fun share a light moment before their game in the Masters Division.

Calma and Benavente secured the win for Ridin' Darry after beating Derol Tudeal and Ton Casil in the final Partners Crazy game.

Teams in the A and Masters divisions play 17 matches. Games in all divisions—Tuesday B, Chichirika and Kingfisher C, and Ladies—are to be played since each win and loss counts in the standings.

The Gunners, the Warriors' sister squad, was also not lucky after absorbing a 14-3 crushing at the hands of Mafia 1, while the Mechanik's scored a 10-7 decision over the Dragon Masters and the Predators squeezed out a 9-8 win over the Proofers in the other matches.

The 9 Eleven D' Strik-

sixth (102-136) and Franken Gunners are at the cellar with an 87-151 card.

Cruz, the top individual

player in terms of weighted average, started Ridin' Darry's victory run by besting Derol Tudela in the Sin-

gles Regular Cricket. That win came after James Benavente dropped the opening match against James Tudela.

are against the Destroyers (July 25), Cray 8 (Aug. 1), Assassins (Aug. 8), Str8 Black Ball (Aug. 22), Destroyers (Aug. 29), and Crazy 8 (Sept. 5).

The Destroyers will also be facing Str8 Black Ball (Aug. 1 and Sept. 5), Crazy 8 (Aug. 15), and Assassins (Aug. 22) while Str8 Black Ball will clash with Crazy 8 (Aug. 15) and Assassins (Aug. 22).

The league's Bud Cup will be played after the Top 3 of the season is known in the final matches on Sept. 5. The awards banquet is set in November.

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ting for a draw against 4Gives FC in its first game. Rintaro Miyawaki and Jaydee Jose contributed one goal apiece in Saipan Elite's first victory, while Joshua Daniel Moilig nailed the lone goal for HK SSS, which absorbed its second loss in as many matches.

In the girls U17 game, Guine Borja scored three goals, while Dejana Muna and Julianne Hall added one apiece in giving F. Marinos also its first triumph. F Marinos was nipped by Hakone FC in during the tournament's opening day, 3-2.

Marianas Health Armada, which fell to a 1-0-1 win-draw-loss mark, drew its two goals from Mariana Castro and Jerlyn Castro to tie the match at halftime before allowing F. Marinos to control the game in the second half.

In other results, Hakona FC gained the early lead in the girls U17 division after moving up to a 2-0-0 slate following its 10-2 demolition of Isamu United last Wednesday.

Katrina Costales and Krizel Tuazon teamed up in powering Hakone FC to its second win after making four and three goals, respectively. Pauly Joyce and Jhasmine Phan also hit the

ers is currently on top of the Tuesday B Division with a 136-74 mark followed by Chow Time's Lupeyt Boyz (125-85), 6JMS Xecutionerz (120-90). Chow Time LOL (100-110), 6JMS Chambero's (95-115), and VFW Warriors (54-156) complete the standings.

Other results from other divisions are as follows:

MASTERS

■ Nakayoshi 12, Calamity Fun 5

■ Mafia 10, Pythons 7

LADIES

■ Exquisites 13, Bull-It II 2

■ Momshies 13, Hot Mess 2

CHICHIRIKA C DIVISION

■ Destroyer Knights 9, Hut Shot 6

■ Flukers 8, Hitters 7

■ Scorpions 8, Bull-It 7

KINGFISHER C

■ Re-Darts 12, Sunsports 3

■ Ridin' Darry 11, Dart Vaders 4

■ Hit'em Up 8, Parakeyu! 7

Chong and Ling Zhang defeated Steffi Carruthers of Samoa, 7-5, 6-3, and Abigail Tere-Apisah of Papua New Guinea, 6-4, 6-4, in the earlier singles events.

Hong Kong will advance to the semifinals along with the top finishers in three other groups, while Pacific Oceania will play in the ranking games that will determine the No. 5 to 13 placers in the tournament. The champion of the competition will be promoted to Group I.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	54	42	.563	—
Tampa Bay	51	45	.531	3
New York	48	45	.516	4½
Baltimore	45	49	.479	8
Toronto	43	51	.457	10

Central Division

Cleveland	48	45	.516	—
Minnesota	48	46	.511	½
Kansas City	46	47	.495	2
Detroit	43	50	.462	5
Chicago	38	54	.413	9½

West Division

Houston	63	32	.663	—
Seattle	48	48	.500	15½
Los Angeles	47	50	.485	17
Texas	45	49	.479	17½
Oakland	43	52	.453	20

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

Washington	57	37	.606	—
Atlanta	45	48	.484	11½
New York	42	50	.457	14
Miami	42	51	.452	14½
Philadelphia	32	61	.344	24½

Central Division

Milwaukee	52	45	.536	—
Chicago	49	45	.521	1½
Pittsburgh	47	48	.495	4
St. Louis	46	48	.489	4½
Cincinnati	40	54	.426	10½

West Division

Los Angeles	66	29	.695	—
Colorado	56	41	.577	11
Arizona	54	40	.574	11½
San Diego	40	54	.426	25½
San Francisco	37	59	.385	29½

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Tight finish seen in 8-ball league

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It will be an interesting seven weeks in the SBA Budweiser Open 8-Ball Tuesday League as four teams are locked in a tight battle for the division



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The 9 Eleven Docomo Hustlers pose for a group photo after beating Tasha's Crazy 8 in the SBA Budweiser Open 8-Ball Tuesday League.

crown led by two teams sponsored by 9 Eleven Resto Bar.

The Hustlers, also supported by Docomo Pacific, are tied with sister team Titans on top of the six-team field with both squads

sporting a 96-73 records each followed by Chow Time Blue Haus Destroyers and Tasha's Str8 Black Ball with 95-74 slates, respectively.

Tasha's Crazy 8 (63-106) and Chow Time Assassins (62-107) complete the standings.

The Hustlers—one of the veteran-stacked teams in the league—completed an 8-5 work of the Crazy 8 to remain on top and the Titans tied them afterwards following a similar 8-5 triumph against the Str8 Black. The Destroyers defeated the Assassins, 8-5.

The Hustlers will face the Str8 Black Ball next Tuesday. Their remaining schedule will be against the Assassins (Aug. 1), Destroyers (Aug. 8), Titans (Aug. 15), Crazy 8 (Aug. 22), Str8 Black Ball (Aug. 29), and Assassins (Sept. 5).

The Titans' other matches

head coach added.

Kaka also said the training camp on Saipan will help the squad prepare for the league in Chinese-Taipei which will start in September.

Hualien player Lin Kai Ling, who asuits up for the Chinese-Taipei National Team too, said she is looking forward to the experience of playing against CNMI national squads and seeing what level the host teams are at.

"I am excited for these games and will do our very best," said Lin, who used to see action in a league in Japan.

Meanwhile, CNMI Boys U18 National Team head coach Michiteru Mita is thankful for the presence of Hualien on Saipan as the friendly game will help the Teen Ayuyus' preparations for the AFC U19 Championships Qualifiers.

"We have a very hard train-

ing since the boys had a summer holiday for almost two months. The boys are trying to level up their physical fitness and individual techniques for the AFC tournament in November and the training camp in Korea next month. This match is going to be a good test for us, to see how much the boys have improved during this summer," Mita said.

"We are lucky to have the opportunity to play an international friendly before going to Korea. I appreciate Hualien players and coaches for visiting our islands and having a friendly game with the boys U18 and the women's national teams. We have some off-island players, but we will still play with a strong team spirit and do our best to promote soccer on the islands," the Teen Ayuyus coach added.

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"We're looking at building up team chemistry so we decided to come here and play against CNMI squads. We would like to see how our team will work together and challenge your national teams," said Bin.

Hualien will first face the CNMI Boys U18 National Team in a 4pm game today and then CNMI Women's National Team this Sunday also at 4pm.

"We don't know much about the CNMI national teams, so we don't know how are we going to play them. We will see how the game goes and make the adjustments. The important thing here is for our players to get familiarize with each other's game and come together," the Hualien

SSS 2017 Summer Camp

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Team 1 players pose with their medals after winning the mini basketball tournament in the U12 division of the Saipan Soccer School's 2017 last Friday at the TSL Sports Complex.



Team 1 members gather for a group photo after getting the U10 division title in the mini basketball tournament.



Team 5 players show their certificates and wear their first place medals in the U12 futsal mini tournament.



Team 4 members pose for a photo after being presented with certificates and medals in the U10 mini futsal tournament.



Team 6 members show their certificate after completing the camp.



Team 3A players pose for a photo during the awards ceremony for the summer camp.



Team 2 players pose for a photo after getting their certificates.



Team 3B players smiles after receiving their certificates.

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he 'can't think
too far ahead'
nowadays

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Carol passes first test in Fed Cup

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CNMI junior player Carol Lee was tested in her debut in the 2017 Fed Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group II and survived after pulling off a three-set victory against Iran last Wednesday at the Dushanbe Central Stadium in Tajikistan.

Lee and her doubles partner Mayka Zima of New Caledonia bowed to Iran's Ghazal Pakbaten and Sadaf Sadeghvaziri in the first set, 2-6, but stole the win after sweeping the last two, 6-3, 6-2, to complete Pacific Oceania's shutout victory in their Pool B opening assignment.

"Mayka and I just met for the first time. We didn't know about each other's game so we're making a lot of unforced errors. We don't know when it was our turn to hit the ball, if it's mine or her's. We had to work hard on our communication," Lee told *Saipan Tribune*.

The CNMI-New Caledonia pair committed three double faults in the first set, got only three second serve points against the six of the



Iranian duo, and won only one break point.

"In the second set, we started to communicate more, still staying positive, and hit less unforced errors. We also played aggressively and poached a lot. After winning the second set, we knew we have a good chance to win the third set, too," said Lee.

The Pacific Oceania pair still had three double faults, but their foes had seven in the second set. Lee and Zima also prevailed in the first serve percentage (56 to 48), second serve (76-63), second serve points won (76-63), and break points (100-33). The winning duo went on to dominate their Iranian opponents in the third set to complete the come-from-behind victory in the nearly two-hour match—the longest



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Pacific Oceania captain Patrice Cotti of Tahiti, left, joins doubles players Carol Lee, center, and Mayka Zima for a group photo after winning against Iran in their first game in the 2017 Fed Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group II last Wednesday at the Dushanbe Central Stadium in Tajikistan.

in the Pacific Oceania-Iran pairing.

"I am happy with how I performed in the doubles game, representing Pacific Oceania. I also feel that if we will play Iran again, we

could beat them in two sets because my partner and I somehow are now comfortable with playing together," said the 15-year-old Lee.

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F. Marinos, Saipan Elite ease past foes

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Saipan Elite and F. Marinos cruised to victories in their respective divisions in Saipan Soccer School's 2017 Youth Summer Futsal Tournament yesterday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Saipan Elite hammered HK SSS in the boys U16 game, 9-1, while F. Marinos defeated

Marianas Health in the girls U17 match, 5-2. Three games were scheduled yesterday with SSS winning the curtain-raiser after a no-show from Kanoa Football Club 1.

Oliver Fajardo had a hat-trick and Merrick Toves and Rohan Basnet chipped in two goals to hand Saipan Elite its first win after set-

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Hualien FC eyes chemistry buildup in Saipan camp

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Hualien Football Club's women's team is hoping to develop its chemistry when it plays friendly matches this week-

end at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Head coach Zhu Wen Bin, through interpreter Kaka, said there are a lot of new players

on the team so the focus of their training camp here will be how to play as one cohesive unit. The visiting squad brought in 23 players for the camp with the



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Hualien Football Club's women's team players and coaches pose for a photo before having their training session at the Hopwood Middle School field yesterday.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
F. Marinos' Guine Borja, right, tries to elude a Marianas Health Armada defender during the second half of their girls U17 game in the Saipan Soccer School's 2017 Youth Summer Futsal Tournament yesterday at the TSL Sports Complex.